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Top students

Dr. Ray Malzahn, dean of the school of arts and sciences, presents outstanding student awards at the 14th annual honors convocation, held yesterday morning in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Republican seeks vacated seat

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Marvin Singleton, a Joplin physician and Republican activist, will oppose Dr. Merrell Junkins in the June 5 special election to decide who will fill the vacant 32nd senatorial district seat.

The special election, caused by the death of Sen. Richard Webster, is set for June 5. Singleton, along with two others, will vie to become the Republican candidate in November's general election to fill the regular term.

Singleton filed for the general election March 13, nine days after Webster's death. He later was chosen by a Republican committee to run in the special election.

He has ties to Missouri Southern as his wife, Anita, is an assistant professor of nursing.



Dr. Marvin Singleton

"I'll try to do the best I can for the College," Singleton said. "I've been trying to help the College in a number of ways for a number of years."

Singleton said he supports capital improvements projects, such as the proposed communications and social sciences building, though he admits the immediate potential for it is slight. Singleton joked that he and his wife have a keen interest in the construction of the facility, as communications classes would move from Kuhn Hall, the home of the nursing program.

However, Singleton disagrees with recent ideas to centralize higher education governing boards and said input into colleges should originate locally.

"We like to have local input to our college," he said. "The mission of the College is excellent, and I feel local control is better than state control."

Though he has never held public office on a state or federal level, Singleton does have experience which he believes will help him in the election. Elected to the Seneca school board twice, he said he actively keeps up on legislative issues.

"I've been following current state law for the last five years. I've been following a number of issues in the state legislature

that cover a majority of the bills.

"I am familiar with the officials, leaders, and bureaucrats that run our government. I am also qualified by virtue of the political scene as well."

Singleton has been active in southwest Missouri Republican politics for some time. He worked on visits to Southern by George Bush and Dan Quayle, and has helped bring other figures to Joplin.

He was chosen as a delegate to the state Republican convention as well as the 1988 Republican National Convention.

Singleton speaks highly of Webster.

"Dick Webster encouraged me in a number of ways, and I am grateful to him," he said. "His shoes will be hard to fill, but I am confident I can do a good job for the people of this area."

Since moving to the area, Singleton has served in various civic and political organizations in Newton and Jasper counties. He also served a stint as vice president of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

"Dick Webster encouraged to take an active part in politics," he said. "In fact, he placed my name in nomination for the [aging] position."

On April 18, Dr. Rosanne Joyner, assistant professor of education, traveled to New Orleans with Roxanne Marcoux, Kay

Additional \$980,000 approved for building

Allocation is part of state college aid package

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A n additional \$980,000 for partial funding of Missouri Southern's proposed communications/social sciences building was given approval late Monday night by the Senate appropriations committee.

Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville) offered the amendment as part of a capital improvements bill calling for \$14 million to be distributed to the state's colleges and universities for repair and renovations projects.

According to College President Julio Leon, who testified at the committee meeting, the amendment was approved unanimously and went through without a hitch.

"I told them that Missouri Southern was suffering from a lack of space and that we were the fastest-growing college in Missouri over the last 10 years," he said. "I had visited with all of the senators before about the amendment and they seemed very positive and in support of the idea, with the only snag being where the money will come from."

While the senators acknowledged Southern's need for additional classroom space, Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) said there were some sentimental attachments to the amendment, because the proposed facility will be named for the late Sen. Richard Webster, who played a key role in establishing the College as a four-year institution "and looked after it like it was his own baby."

The senators all felt strongly that it would be nice to do something for Dick, and not just for the College," said Wilson.

The full Senate has yet to approve the committee's recommendation, but Wilson does not expect any problems.

After the measure leaves the Senate, it will go to a conference meeting between the two legislative houses, and finally to Gov. John Ashcroft for its final fate.

Originally estimated at a cost of \$6.9 million, Leon said the College has been adjusting the building's funding needs each year to compensate for inflation.

Southern needs about \$5.5 million in additional funding to complete construction of the building.

"Even though that money (\$980,000) would be available to us by July 1, we won't see any construction starting until late December or early January," Leon said. "We first have to look at exactly where we will put the money and then start the bidding process for the contractor."

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Students go to inner-city

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

E ducation majors at Missouri Southern recently had a chance to experience teaching in a multi-cultural atmosphere as they traveled to an inner-city school to teach for a day.

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Hughes, Stacy Sparrow, Heather Lawson, Shelly Stimpson, and Suzanne White, all senior elementary education majors.

Because they were not an organized group, the students paid their own way for the drive to New Orleans and a three-day stay.

Joyner said the trip was to provide an

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Kent State 20 years later: instructors here recall tenuous times

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

T went years later, the horror of Kent State hasn't lost its intensity. Tomorrow will mark the 20th anniversary of the date when National Guardsmen stormed the Ohio campus and fired upon angry student protesters. Four people were killed, and nine were injured.

When then-President Richard Nixon announced on April 30, 1970, that "the time has come for action" against Cambodia, college students across the country reacted with anger—anger that more than once manifested itself into violence. The tension generated by the growing distrust of government policy seemed to fester in Ohio, where emotions reached a boiling point.

Teverow, a freshman, takes part in building occupation

"It was very clear that a day or two before the protests had begun on our campus, the tensions were high," said Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history, then a freshman at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

The day of the killings at Kent State, actions by some students turned "a bit violent," said Teverow, who was part of several demonstrations on campus, including the occupation of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps building.

"I was among those who occupied the building [at Case Western]," said Teverow. "It was a symbol of how united the students were against those who were busy recruiting for the war effort, which was being protested then. It ended peacefully."

After the demonstration, Teverow said

students rallied to discuss their next move.

"We were debating possible strategies how we might mobilize the campus," he said. "There were some people who advocated violence. I was not among them. There was some speculation that a fire bomb had been thrown in the ROTC building."

It was around noon that day, during the same rally, that one of the organizers moved to the microphone and announced that four students had been killed by National Guardsmen at nearby Kent State, 30 miles southeast of Case Western.

"The reaction was, of course, horror," he said. Students then mobilized to Euclid Avenue, a main strip running through downtown Cleveland. Protesters blocked the street, and after police arrived, rocks and bottles were hurled by students. Some of the protesters were clubbed by police guards.

Merriam evacuates his son

Other colleges and universities throughout Ohio experienced similar fates, as students reacted to the Kent State tragedy.

Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications, was working on his master's degree at Ohio University in Athens when students reacted excitedly to the actions of the day.

"I knew some students who had friends at Kent State. They were concerned," said Merriam, who was living with his wife and eight-month-old son, Paul, in an OU dormitory apartment. "Governor [James] Rhodes called in the National Guard. The ROTC building [at OU] had been burnt down."

The daytimes after Nixon's address were "normal," according to Merriam,

who sometimes marched in addition to wearing black armbands protesting America's involvement in the Vietnam War. In contrast to the days, the nights carried an abundance of tension.

"The riots seemed to occur mostly during the nighttime," he said. "I guess during the darkness, emotions seemed to run higher."

Demonstrations by OU students increased in intensity until finally the National Guard started chasing students back to their residences.

"The guards started throwing teargas into the dormitories," Merriam said. Though he did not fear for his own life, he was concerned for the safety of his son, whom he was forced to evacuate from the building and drive on a backroad behind the university to a friend's house near the campus.

"The university just closed down for the rest of the year. They were afraid of more outbreaks of violence," he said. Students were left with either pass or fail grades. According to Merriam, some graduates met in the homes of professors to finish their course work. "It was pretty dramatic to be experiencing that kind of situation. The universities were definitely under siege."

"We really got a flavor for what a police state might be like. Armed guards were patrolling the streets. It was kind of an eerie feeling."

Carnahan recalls protests

Doug Carnahan, now director of student life at Southern, was a sophomore at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University when he learned of the killings at Kent State, some three hours east.

"The tension was heavy, and there were constant protests at Bowling Green and the rest of the Ohio campuses," said Carnahan. "The protests were anti-establishment. The establishment was seen as a bad thing."

"It was an uncomfortable time to be on a college campus."

As was the norm for most colleges under the attack of angry student protesters, the ROTC building was burnt down at Bowling Green.

"The problems had built up and built up and the college president finally said 'That's it,'" Carnahan said. "The college closed down shortly after the Kent State killings, and students were put on a pass/fail system. Every night there were huge rallies, huge parades with residents and children participating. At times it was almost festive, and at times it was sad."

Southern Senate defeats motion to cancel classes

Missouri Southern was no Kent State, but students did not let the state of events go without a statement denouncing violence by both military and student factions.

The day after the killings at Kent State, Missouri Southern's Student Senate approved a resolution stating the the student body disapproved of violence in any form. The Senate also offered condolences to the families of the four students killed.

A motion calling for a one-hour moratorium on classes that Friday was defeated. The measure called on the Senate to confront the College's administration with the suggestion that classes be dismissed for one hour in response to the Kent State demonstrations. The vote ended 8-8, with

four abstentions, but Senate president Rick Call voted against the measure to break the tie and defeat the motion.

Further demonstrations, if any, were quiet.

Fields changes attitude

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, was a doctoral student at Kent State in 1972. At his residence, he lived above some students who had participated in the demonstrations that eventually produced the killings two years earlier.

"The kids who lived below us told us of having to duck below cars to avoid gunshots," said Fields, who taught students at Cadiz (Ohio) High School. Some of his students there went on to become students and protesters at Kent State.

"It was so different talking to them a year later," he said. "They were into the anti-war thing so strongly. There was no rational talking with them."

At the time, Fields was not adverse to fighting in Vietnam should he have been called. However, he was able to avoid duty because of his teacher status.

"I have since changed. It's very different for a person to realize that there were people who were protesting violence with violence. It wasn't too long after that I started a turnaround in my thoughts."

Fields said he soon became concerned about the potential of someday having his sons called to fight in a war they might not have believed in.

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Education professor accepts Neosho post

Cagle becomes elementary education director

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

With a previous employment history in the Neosho school system, Dr. Betty Cagle, assistant professor of education, will return there next fall.

Last Thursday Cagle accepted the position of director of elementary education in Neosho. She turned in her resignation to College President Julio Leon Tuesday.

Cagle, who came to Missouri Southern four years ago, said she has enjoyed her stint here.

"I wanted an opportunity to teach college students," she said. "I've really considered it an honor to be asked to teach on this campus."

Cagle spent 21 years working in Neosho schools before she came to Southern. She taught fourth grade for two years, remedial reading for 11 years, and spent five years as an educational resource teacher. She served as an elementary principal for two years and also interim administrative assistant to the superintendent.

As director of elementary education, Cagle will work with principals and teachers while assisting with the curriculum and classroom instruction.

"It was just an opportunity for advancement," she said, "and an opportunity to do something I hadn't yet done."

Although she hasn't worked at Southern very long, Cagle is pleased with the time she has spent here.

"I have had tremendous opportunity for professional growth," she said. "There's some fine faculty, and I've served on a variety of committees."

For the past three years, she has served on the Faculty Senate and was involved

with the writing intensive committee and the library committee. Working on various committees within the education department also kept her busy.

"I have such respect for the education faculty," said Cagle. "Within the last couple of years we've been doing self-assessment in preparation for NCATE (National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education) and have been able to make some really progressive growth."

Cagle said the efforts of many education faculty resulted in added courses and combined courses.

"We've also developed a strong early childhood education program," she said.

Cagle said she is proud of the work the writing intensive committee accomplished. As of next fall, every department will offer at least one writing intensive course.

"As a committee we determined there was a need to get more writing in our classes," said Cagle. "We studied in-depth for three years on that. It was something our president and vice president encouraged us to work toward."

When Cagle begins work in Neosho, she hopes to help provide a smoother transition due to the restructuring of the R-5 district.

"I hope my wide background of experience and my in-depth study in early childhood will help the district," she said. "This first year needs to be a year for us to build a strong program with the restructuring going on."

Although she is familiar with the school system, she doesn't expect her own transition to be easy.

"They've had new faculty and administrators coming in," said Cagle. "The position I'm entering I've never been in before so it'll be a real challenge."

English faculty, students gather for annual banquet

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

English faculty, alumni, majors, and minors gathered at the Holiday Inn Saturday night for the third annual English alumni/department banquet.

Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English, said the banquet went "marvelously well." Approximately 100 people attended the banquet, including about 25 alumni and 35 faculty.

One purpose of the banquet is to provide the department with a socializing event. Morgan said in the past alumni have come from as far as New York, Washington, and Denver for the occasion.

"It's really nice that the alumni have this opportunity to return to campus," said Morgan. "It's a marvelous opportunity to get together and reminisce. Those who come back reflect highly on Missouri Southern."

The other purpose of the banquet is to present departmental awards to outstanding students.

Stacey White, a senior English major, received two of the seven awards issued at the banquet. Her honors included Outstanding English Award, presented to the senior who has exhibited outstanding academic performance as well as participation in departmental groups and activities.

White also submitted an essay on Kierkegaard Christian Existentialism which was selected to receive the Bernard P. McCormick Award. The award, named for a former Southern professor, is given for outstanding contribution in philosophy and carries a \$50 cash stipend.

Keith Espanosa, also a senior English

major, obtained two awards as well. For his submission of an essay on Macbeth, he was named recipient of the Lucille Dinges Award, given to the best scholarly essay in language or literature. It includes \$100.

"I hadn't even planned on submitting the paper until I was approached by a professor," said Espanosa. "The award came as a real shock."

The Morgan Award, created four years ago with Morgan's funds from his Outstanding Teacher Award, was presented to the outstanding prospective teacher on a college or secondary level. Espanosa was selected.

"I wanted to give something back to the students," said Morgan, "because I would not have received my award if it weren't for them."

Espanosa, who was given \$200 with the award, said his wife and son already have many plans for the money.

"I only hope to come close to emulating the standards of Dr. Morgan," he said. "I would then consider myself successful."

The Robert J. Greer award is a statewide honor given to prospective high school or junior high teachers. The recipient of this award was Sue Gabbert. Cynthia Hall, who won last year's Dinges Award, received \$100 with the Langston Hughes Award for creative writing, and Melissa Scheickert was given the Nadine Harder Award, presented by Dr. Henry Harder for the best medieval or renaissance work.

Morgan said the funding for the awards was obtained through the department's own resources.

teach "mini-lessons" for the day.

Sparrow said the cultural aspects of the school were an important part of the trip.

"I was impressed because it is so culturally different than it is here," she said. "We don't have a wide culturally diverse setting like they do down there."

She added that although culture was a major difference, the subject matter was basically the same.

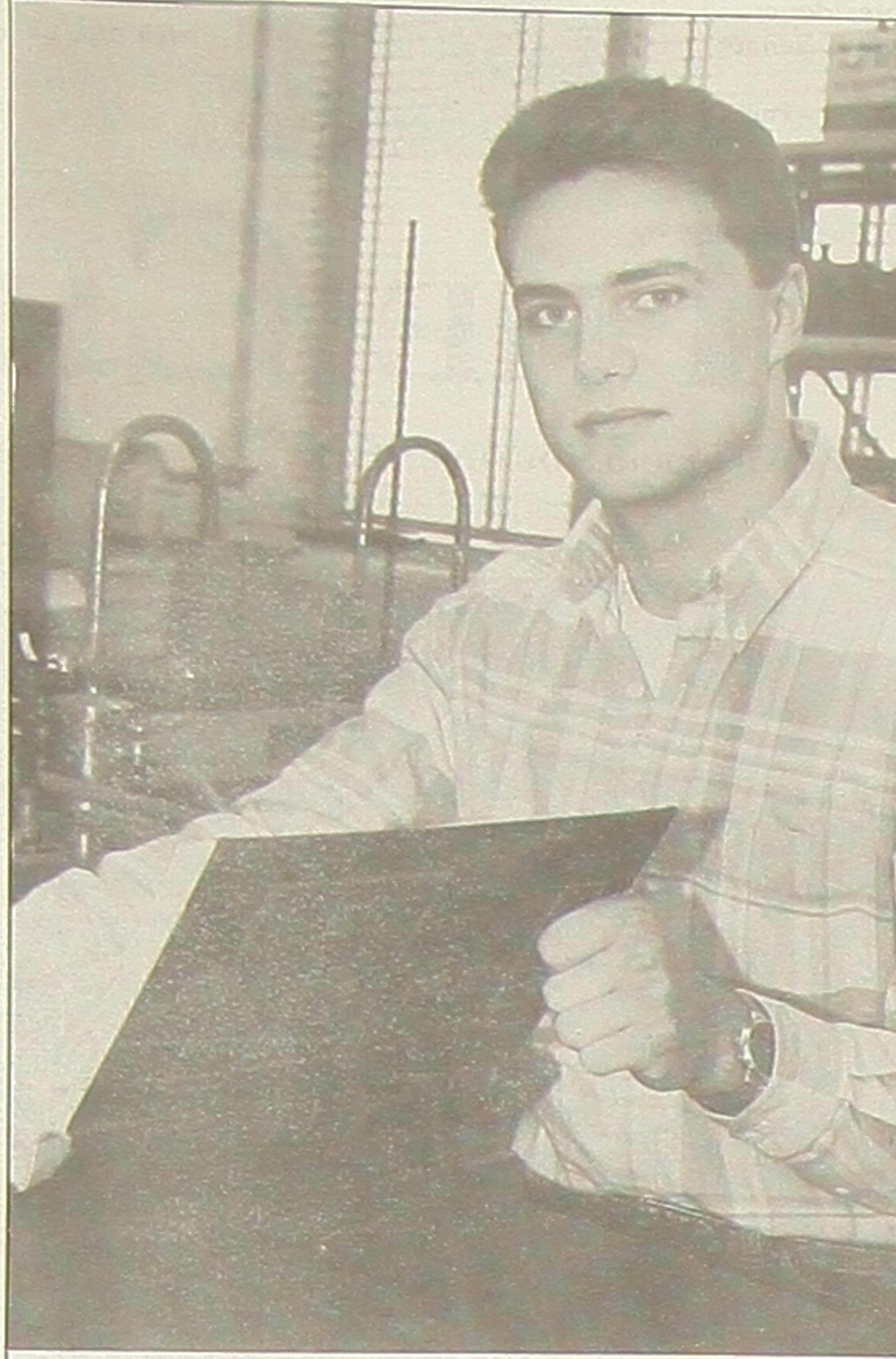
"You learn that no matter where you go the kids are learning the same things our kids are learning here," Sparrow said.

Marcoux said she thought the experience taught her to better cope and work in unsure surroundings.

"I learned to work better with people. I was unfamiliar with, better than anything else, and to see different points of view," she said. "I felt like I could understand them better."

Joyner said another trip is tentatively scheduled for next April in which students will be able to travel to Mexico City to visit four schools there. This, she said, would give the students the opportunity to work as a part of the "non-dominant side of a culture."

Joyner said each student who made the trip was assigned to a teacher at the school and was able to observe the students and



STAFF PHOTO BY CARINE PETERSON

Good with chemicals

Taylor Jordan, a freshman chemistry major, received the 1989-90 Freshman Chemistry Achievement award. Jordan also received a copy of the 71st edition of the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics.

Freshman receives award

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Taylor Jordan, a freshman chemistry major, has been selected to receive the 1989-90 Freshman Chemistry Achievement award at Missouri Southern.

The award, presented to the top chemistry student in the freshman class, is made available annually to all colleges by the Chemical Rubber Company. A copy of the 71st edition of the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics is presented to the winner.

The purpose of the award is to encourage student interest in sciences. The program has been maintained for 43 years.

Jordan, who has a 3.8 grade-point average, was nominated by the chemistry faculty to receive the award.

"We go through our Chemistry I and II classes to see who has consistently performed well on tests and in labs," said Dr. Vernon Biamonte, head of the physical science department. "Taylor has consistently sat at the top of his class for two semesters."

Jordan completed a chemistry course in high school which initially sparked his interest in the subject.

"Receiving this award was really encouraging," he said. "Chemistry is my major, and this has been a vote of confidence."

According to Biamonte, receiving the \$80 chemistry reference is a boost to Jordan's studies.

"This book is a massive set of tables of all kinds of data students would need for more advanced courses in chemistry," he said. "A lot of our students will end up buying that book just to have all the data."

Jordan is considering attending the University of Missouri-Columbia next year, but is unsure of his plans after college graduation.

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Hanewinkel captures top Senate position

St. Clair claims treasurer spot in other race

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Junior Mary Hanewinkel was elected Monday as president of the Student Senate for 1990-91, as just 336 students turned out to vote.

Hanewinkel defeated opponent Tiffany Jakse 251-85. In the days leading to the election, Hanewinkel was unsure of her chances.

"It was not a matter of being surprised," she said. "There were times when I didn't know if I would win it or not. You can only do so much."

Hanewinkel gave some credit to her sister, 1987-88 Senate president Terri Honeyball, and her brother, Leo, for encouraging students to vote for her.

"I had people who were out there rooting for me, trying to get people to vote and vote for me," Hanewinkel said. "My family and friends mean more to me than the numbers. I would have been just as happy if it was a close race."

"I'm just happy I won."

Though disappointed with voter turnout, Hanewinkel was appreciative of those

who did vote.

"I'm thankful for those who voted, and though I am glad they voted me into office, it's just as important to cast the vote itself."

In the only other race, sophomore Lori St. Clair defeated Martha McGuire 221-111 for the office of treasurer. St. Clair maintains the premise she held during the campaign.

"The only game plan is to encourage organizations to become campus-recognized organizations," she said. "It is a lot more ethical for the Senate to allocate money to organizations that are recognized as campus organizations."

"We want all the students to benefit from the activity fees, but it's difficult to understand why a group would ask for funding and not go through the process of becoming a campus organization."

Rain forced the Student Senate picnic inside yesterday as the new officers were installed.

Junior Karen Taylor, who ran unopposed for vice president, was installed as well as Pamela Chong, who ran unchallenged for secretary.

'Chart' gets transfers

Three junior college editors-in-chief will join *The Chart* staff as positions have been announced for 1990-91.

Steve Sakach, former editor-in-chief of the *Lariat* at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif.; T.R. Hanrahan, editor-in-chief of *The Longview Current* at Longview Community College; and Danny Wilson, editor-in-chief of *The Sentry* at Crowder College, will take editorial positions with *The Chart* next year.

Sakach helped the *Lariat* win a National Pacemaker Award from the Associated Collegiate Press and first place in general excellence from the California Newspaper Publishers Association. The *Lariat* received the top award in a competition against 58 community college newspapers from California and Arizona.

Hanrahan served as 1989-90 president of the Missouri College Newspaper Association, and Longview became the first community college to ever host the annual MCNA convention. *The Longview Current* was named best overall newspaper among all the junior colleges in the state.

Under Wilson's editorship, *The Sentry* increased its publication frequency and improved its overall quality and design. Diana Flannery, copy editor, will join Wilson on *The Chart* staff.

Christopher Clark and Stephen Moore, junior communications majors, will return as *Chart* editor-in-chief and executive editor, respectively. Angie Stevenson, a freshman communications major, has been appointed managing editor. Stevenson served as arts page editor this semester.

Jimmy Sexton, 1989-90 managing editor, has been named editor of *The Final Edit*, a new arts and entertainment magazine planned for next year. *The Final*

Edit, to be published biweekly as a supplement to *The Chart*, will replace the newspaper's arts page and *Avalon*.

"We'll include book reviews, movie reviews, restaurant reviews, concert listings, all the news from the fine arts department, MSTV and KXMS programming, some poetry, and stories of interest to our varied readership," said Sexton, who will serve as assistant managing editor for *The Chart*.

Jon Noirfale, freshman business major from Jefferson City, will replace Mark Ancell as sales manager. Ancell will remain on *The Chart's* photography staff.

Carine Peterson will return as editorial page editor, and Nick Coble will enter his third year as director of photography. Scott Clark will again serve as cartoonist.

Diane Van Dera, campus editor, has been promoted to assistant editor. Chris Cox, circulation manager and a member of the photography staff, will become campus editor.

In judging sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press, *The Chart* has received an All American award with five marks of distinction for the 1989 fall semester. It is the eighth consecutive "Five-Star" award for *The Chart*.

"The publication is very sharp looking with a strong variety of coverage appealing to all areas of interest," the ACP judge wrote. "The publication is quite lively from cover to cover."

"I have not seen very many college publications written with leads on news stories that are as interesting as this one. The editorial writing also is superb."

As weaknesses, the judge cited excessive length of some stories, a full page each week devoted to city news, and a lack of intramural sports coverage.

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Stumping

Terri Honeyball (far left), campaigning for sister and Senate presidential candidate Mary Hanewinkel, and Lori St. Clair (middle left), candidate for treasurer, attempt to win the votes of freshmen Kelly Knight (middle right) and Stephanie Strum (far right) during Monday's Student Senate elections.

Brattin plans move to Massachusetts

BY SHERRY KIRBY
STAFF WRITER

Goodbyes are never easy, but the future looks bright for Dr. Joel Brattin, assistant professor of English.

Brattin will not return to Missouri Southern next fall; a teaching job awaits in New England's second largest city—Worcester, Mass.

"I will miss my colleagues in the English department who are friendly, helpful, funny, and wise," he said. "I will also miss the students at MSSC, from whom I have learned so much."

Brattin will join the faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the third oldest college of engineering and science in the United States.

WPI is praised for the quality of its faculty. "The student-to-faculty ratio is 12:1, and independent work is strongly encouraged," he said.

Brattin looks forward to a lighter teaching load, which will enable him to give students more individual attention.

"At Southern, I have been grading approximately 1,000 essays a year, excluding quizzes and exercises," he said. "I've been teaching two sections of literature every semester."

"This is a very heavy load, if one takes student writing seriously, as I do," Brattin said. "At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, I'll be able to give students a great deal

more individual attention, focusing on only one literature course per term."

Brattin will extend his teaching ability in his new job. "I've enjoyed the range of courses I've been able to teach at Southern, but WPI, having a much smaller humanities department, will allow me to stretch even more."

"I'll be WPI's 'specialist' in 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th century British literature," he said. "My first term, I'll be teaching a course surveying all of British poetry, and later in my first year I'll teach a course looking at film adaptations of classic English and American novels—both courses I've never taught before."

Brattin also has proposed an innovative course which will focus on reading 19th century fiction serially.

"Students will read two full-scale Victorian novels slowly, and we'll be able to savor their flavor fully and at comparative leisure, devoting 20 class sessions to discussing a Dickens novel instead of just five or six," he said.

Brattin is proud of Southern's progress since he arrived in 1986.

"I have seen MSSC take many steps forward in my years here, including the hiring of fine people like Barry Brown, Rebecca Spracklen, William Kumbier, Dom Caristi, Bob Black, and Jay Fields," he said.

"President [Julio] Leon and others in the administration are working hard to see that faculty will receive adequate

compensation for their work, that the library collections improve, and that MSSC's sabbatical policy effectively supports serious scholarship, and I expect to see the trends continue," he said.

Brattin is a serious scholar, and he says not only instructors, but students benefit from research.

"MSSC has been very generous to me in supporting my research," he said. "With the support of my department and administration, I have been able to pursue my research on important writers like Charles Dickens and Tomas Carlyle."

"But MSSC's teaching load inevitably makes scholarship difficult, and I think that if Southern is to continue to attract the best teachers to southwest Missouri, the educational community will need to recognize that there is a complementary relationship between teaching and scholarship; the two fields create a kind of synergy, and MSSC's students will reap tremendous benefits from the insights and energy of an active, involved faculty."

Brattin is working toward the completion of his second Dickens book and has just been offered a contract to write a third. He also has written books, texts, articles, and reviews on other authors.

It seems fitting that such a scholar be amidst the New England culture.

"Worcester will offer, I think, wonderful cultural and educational opportunities to me and to my family," Brattin said.

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A local lounge is looking for a bouncer to work Mon-Sat, 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Pay scale will be \$25 a night. Stop by the student employment office for further details if this ad caught your eye.

3-2381-1 A shoe store in the mall is looking for a sales clerk. Hours will be 12:30-10:30 a.m. 3-4 days a week. 30 hours in the summer, flexible in the Fall. Retail sales experience is preferred. If you like sales work, this might be a good opportunity for you to use your skills. Come by HH Rm 114F for further details.

A local lounge is looking for a waitress to work Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. They will be willing to train someone who is willing to work hard. Pay scale is \$2.25/hr plus tips. Clerk with the student employment office for more information on this job opening.

2-1108-1 A Joplin bank is looking for a part-time teller. Hours vary during the day from Monday-Saturday. Must be able to count money and have cashier skills. Pay is 4.34/hr. This job won't be around long so hurry to the student employment office for more info.

2-1045-6 Do you have an interest in music? A local restaurant is looking for someone to be a disc jockey—they will train if needed. Hours are 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 2 days per week. Pay will be four dollars per hour. If this sounds like a job for you, come by the student employment office ASAP.

1-2374-1 Are you interested in some spending money over the summer? A babysitter is needed in a Joplin home for an 18 month boy. Pay will be \$10/day or \$2/hr. Hours are 8-14 days/week. The job will be from June 4 to July 26th. Come by the student employment office, HH 114-F, for more details.

6-2373-1 A babysitter is needed in a Webb City home. The children are ages 10 (twins) and 12. Hours would be 8-5:15, M-F. Pay scale is \$90-\$100/wk. Come by the student employment office if you need a good summer job and are interested in children.

5-1255-8 Do you like a change of scenery every once in a while? A local department store is looking for a sales clerk to float around. Cash register experience is required. All shifts are open 15-20 hours per week. Pay scale is 3.85-4.25/hr. Check with the student employment office for more information.

4-1255-7 A local department store is looking for a person to work in the credit department. 10-key knowledge is a must along with cash register experience. Other duties will be light typing and running the switchboard. Hours will be 5-9, Saturday and Sunday only with one Sunday per month off. Pay scale is \$4/hr. Come by the student employment office for more info.

3-2168-6 A 3-shift computer operator is needed at a local company. Must have knowledge of an IBM 3090 and mainframe computers. The position is full-time, 10 p.m.-7 a.m. Come by HH Rm 114-F, the student employment office, as soon as possible to find out more.

6-1999-3 Do you know "Lotus 1,2,3"? If you do and are interested in a part-time job, come by the student employment office. It will last for 3-6 months, 20 hours or so per week. Pay scale is 5.25/hr.

5-1669-1 A sales clerk-bridal consultant is needed in a local store. There will also be some bookkeeping involved. Hours are flexible, 30 hours per week. Pay is 3.45/hr, more with experience. Check with the student employment office for more details.

6-1407-1 Are you still looking for a summer job? A local insulation company is looking for someone to remove asbestos. The job would begin after finals and continue until school starts again in the Fall. Pay scale is \$8/hr, 40 hours per week. 3 day training, pass physical, and the job begins. Come by HH Rm 114 for more details.

5-1122-3 A local company is looking for someone to call businesses in a telemarketing position. Hours will be everyday thru the summer and through next fall 20-30 hrs/week. Pay scale will be \$4 to \$4.75/hr. Come by Rm 114F, soon for more details.

4-2315-2 Security guards positions are open. There are 2 different shifts, Sat & Sun. 6 p.m.-6 a.m. or 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Pay scale will be \$3.80/hr. If you are looking for a weekend job this may be the one for you. The student employment office has the details so come by soon.

2-1770-1 Do you like working with the public? A position is open in a Joplin company for inside sales, clerical, and phone contact work. Hours will be Mon., Wed., and Thurs., 8-5 after school is out, but will be flexible until then. Need to have sales and clerical experience. Check with the student employment office for more info.

5-2371-2 A Webb City company is looking for someone to fill a cleaning position and a plumbing and electrical position. Hours will be flexible for the cleaning position and 3-4 only for the plumbing/electrical position. Pay scale is \$4/hr. Come by the student employment office for further details.

5-2376-1 A local optical company is looking for a dispensing optician to work with the public in helping them find the right frames, etc. Hours will be flexible—25 hrs. Pay scale is \$3.80/hr plus commission. Come by the student employment office for more information.

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OUR EDITORIALS

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Nice going

Though not exactly in droves, the money for the proposed communications/social sciences building should be coming in.

Thanks to the efforts of Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville), Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City), Rep. Galen Browning (R-Neosho), Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), and College President Julio Leon, work on the new building could start soon.

We should especially appreciate the efforts of Sen. Wilson. The top priority of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education was funding for the Ellis Library at the University of Missouri-Columbia, right in Wilson's backyard. Instead of appeasing the home team, Wilson was bold enough to see our need.

Realizing that it will still take \$5.5 million to complete the facility, we must continue to plug away for the rest of the funds. We cannot rest on this latest accomplishment.

There is no reason to believe the money situation in the state of Missouri will improve over the coming months, and that is why the College must continue to convince legislators that our share of the ever-so-slim budget is given to us. The new building is important if we are to maintain our status as the fastest-growing institution in the state.

Apathy stinks

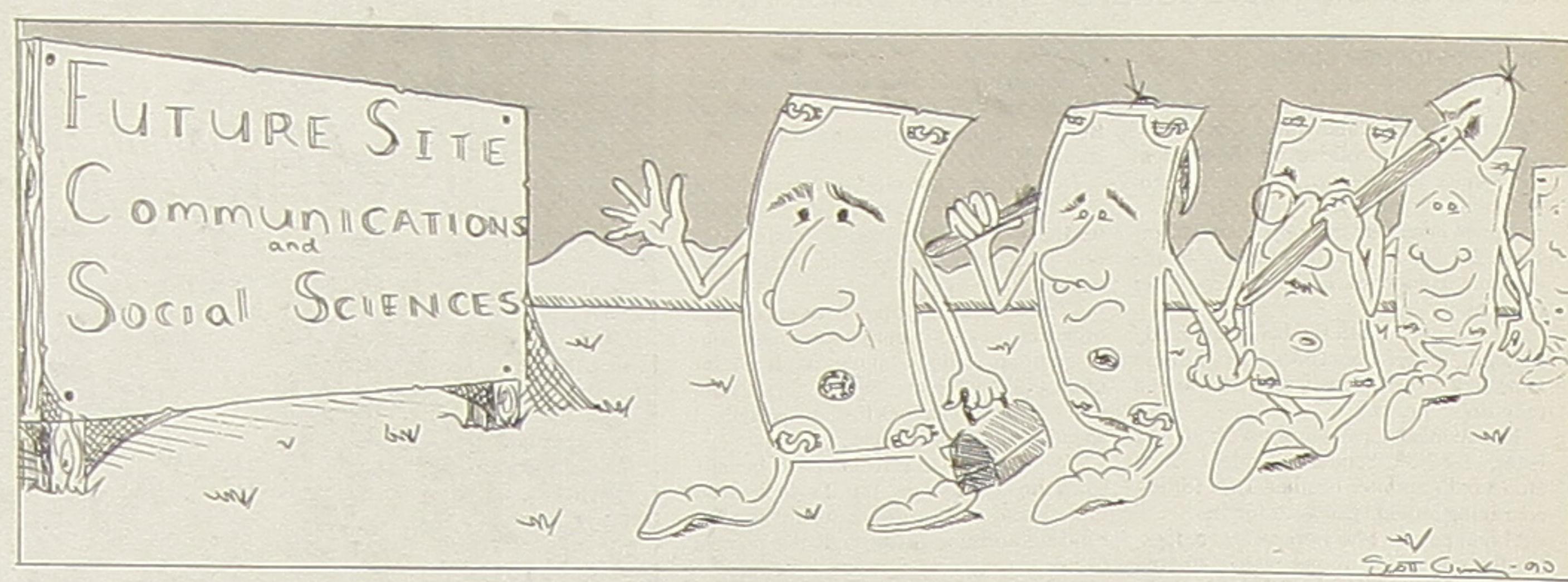
With the exception of non-traditional students, most younger students will have trouble even remembering the horror that occurred at Kent State 20 years ago tomorrow.

While most freshmen were not even born on the day when four persons were killed and nine others injured after National Guardsmen opened fire on student protesters, May 4, 1970, is a day that should never be forgotten, especially by college students.

Some instructors vividly remember the events that took place as a result of the Kent State massacre, and their tales are scary. If nothing else, their stories of National Guard occupation of campuses should be enough to stimulate interest in researching the Kent State terror.

The students who demonstrated and were killed at Kent State should not be labeled as radicals who let their angst-ridden violence get the best of them. Instead, these were students who believed valiantly in their cause. We must take the hint. We must take up a cause and fight for it. Fighting doesn't have to entail occupation of buildings or a violent means to an end.

It could just involve taking a stand, or as Dr. Paul Teverow suggests, writing your representative in government, supporting a candidate, and yes, even holding demonstrations. Apathy stinks.



The advantage of real world experience

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

How do you spell relief? Graduation. This is a somewhat corny phrase but an accurate one nonetheless.

As I leave these hallowed halls, I wish to offer some advice to those left behind.

Now wait. Before you throw this down as another well-wisher giving unwanted advice, hear me out. I want to encourage students to get all the experience they can while still in school. Take advantage of internships and other on-the-job training programs offered by Missouri Southern. Believe me, they can make a difference in the type of job you obtain after graduation.

You have all heard the horror stories of college graduates who work for the first couple of years pumping gas or frying hamburgers. I know plenty of people who were not able to find jobs in their specific area of study after graduating simply because they had no experience. So I say to you all, grab every opportunity you can while still in college.



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lege because that is the first thing prospective employers look at: your experience.

I am most familiar with the internship program offered by the communications department, since obviously that is my area of interest. I first learned of the program during my third year of college. I was taking a Radio Production class and my instructor briefly talked about the benefits of an internship. I thought to myself: "What a deal! I would get to work at a cool radio station and get college credit!" So I called up a local radio station and made an appointment with the program director. I talked the P.D. into letting me "hang around" the station and learn what I could. Silly me, I did not realize one could be paid for an internship. I volunteered to work for free.

The station accepted me with open arms. Here was someone who would do almost anything and not even question the motives, all for the sake of gaining a little experience. I began my duties which consisted of taking out the trash, categorizing music, even a small amount of production, with an eager heart. Unfortunately, the lack of pay began to weigh heavy on my pocketbook. But as luck would have it, a board shift opened up. And since I had

been hanging around for a couple of months and had a bit of experience, I got the job. Did I mention the shift was overnights? Probably one of the reasons I got the job. So I proceeded to work every (yes, every single) weekend on the overnight shift, 11 p.m. until 7 a.m., for six months. Aside from being crudely hours, this job left my week open to other activities, such as *The Chart*.

I had been busy honing my writing abilities while working at the radio station, and finally my big chance came.

Another disc jockey at the station had a friend who worked at a local advertising agency. I happened to be at the right place at the right time and landed the job of my dreams. I went to work for the agency on the pretext of working on one specific project. To make a long story short, the president of the company discovered my writing abilities and decided to make me his protege.

I guess the moral of this story is this: don't overlook the job that may not seem so glamorous because it may lead you to the "big break." And take advantage of every opportunity you have to gain experience while in college. I have been with the company for over a year and am continuing to learn more every day. College is wonderful for obtaining an education, but the real experience comes from life.

The Barn Theatre is bid a fond farewell

BY DUANE HUNT
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATRE

For a quarter of a century I have taught theatre courses and directed plays at Southern. A lot of students, several department colleagues, and even two theatres have come and gone since I started my career here. Now one of those theatres, the Barn Theatre, has been closed. Due to deterioration and neglect, it has been deemed unsafe for human occupancy. *Le Morte d'heure*.



The Barn was never a completely safe building. Everything reasonable was done in the beginning, of course, to insure public safety. With a small seating capacity, many exits, and fire resistant curtains and seats, the building was rated a fire hazard (legally different from a "trap") from the very beginning.

So, after 20-some years when curtains disintegrated, fire escape and loading dock fell to pieces, a home-made light control board shorted out, and the fire inspectors said only the addition of sprinkler systems could make the Barn Theatre "safe," the proper action to take was to close the building and

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take the time to think through the problems and the options.

That closing was a blow to two organizations most active in the Barn, the theatre department and the CAB. I bled a little, too, because I was there when the initial planning was done to turn a dairy barn into a theatre. I shoveled the first load of cow droppings out of the ground-level cattle stalls. However, all things pass away and it is up to those who are still present to see that that which arrives on the winds of change is for the better. Or better yet, for the best.

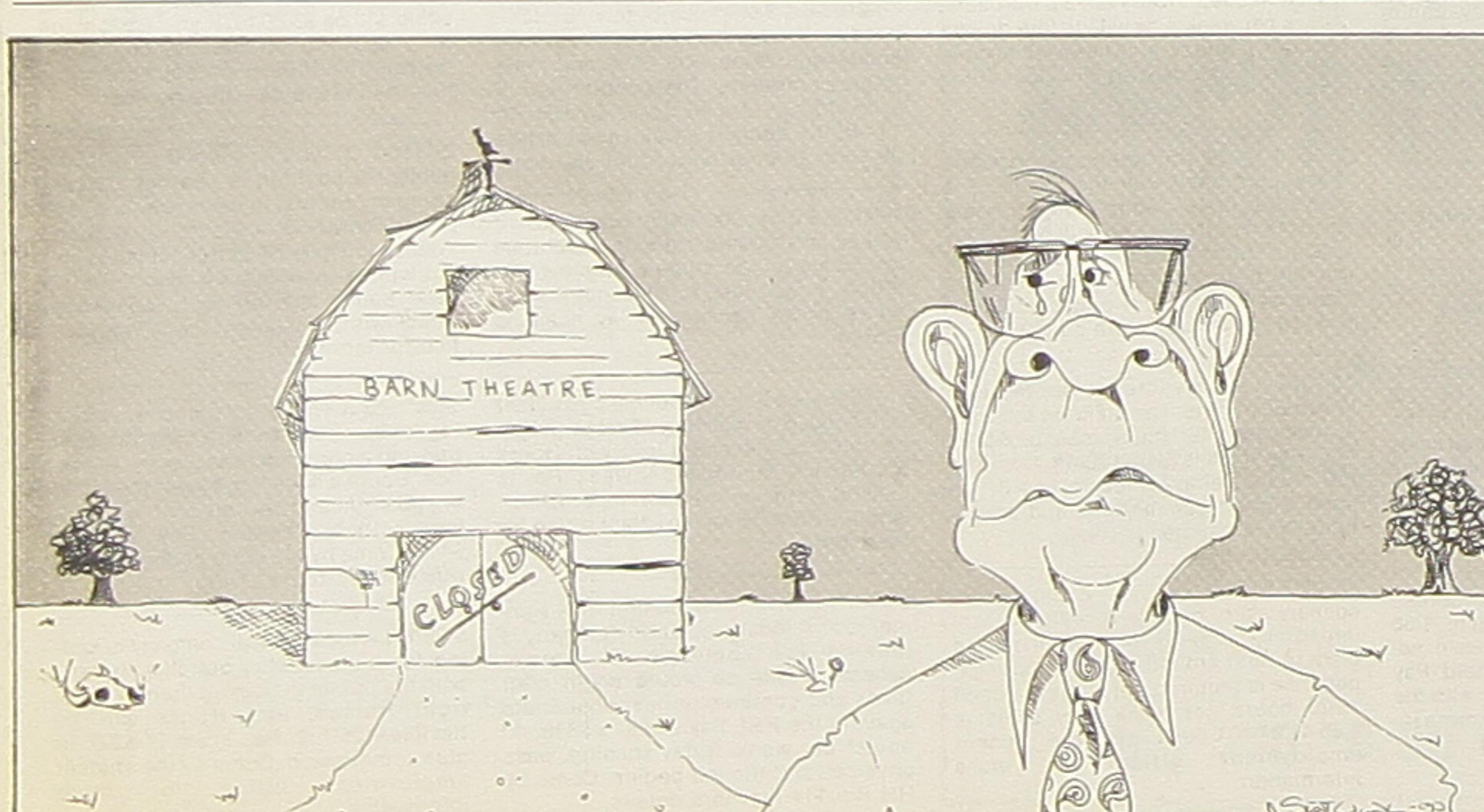
There has always been a great need for a small performance area on the campus. Taylor Performing Arts Center seats over 2,000 people. Put less in there and it looks like a very small crowd. Usually there are many less.

Most campus activities draw from 200 to 300 people per performance. Some kind of intimate theatre with a flexible staging arrangement is needed. The Barn Theatre, for all its uniqueness and its history, is too small. Also, it cannot and never could serve the handicapped with its narrow and steep stairs. Taylor is just too large for most types of events. The campus movie-going public, the lecture crowd, the play or recital audience feel lost

inside the cavernous auditorium.

Certainly, if the Southern Arts Festival is to continue, more than one theatre/concert performance area will be needed on campus. Several of this year's Festival events were scheduled to be in the Barn Theatre. That became impossible when the Barn was closed too late in the Festival production period to cancel shows. Southern Theatre faculty, students, and custodial staff were driven to near desperate measures to organize, rehearse, set up, and present all of the major programs in Taylor P.A.C.

To the cost of sprinkler installation in the Barn Theatre, add new curtains and appointments, steel fire escapes, a new loading dock, and a new light and sound system, and the cost of reopening the place may just be too great. I will be quite sorry to see a bit of MSSC history fade away, but the monies might be better spent as a fund for a new, state-of-the-art, small performance center on campus. A "black box," or flexible-staging theatre is certainly one of the options to expensive repair of the Barn Theatre. It would be a challenge to accomplish this in these days of reduced public funds and tight budgets, but after all, the citizens of this area as well as the students, faculty, and administration of Missouri Southern State College have never stood back in the face of a worthy challenge.



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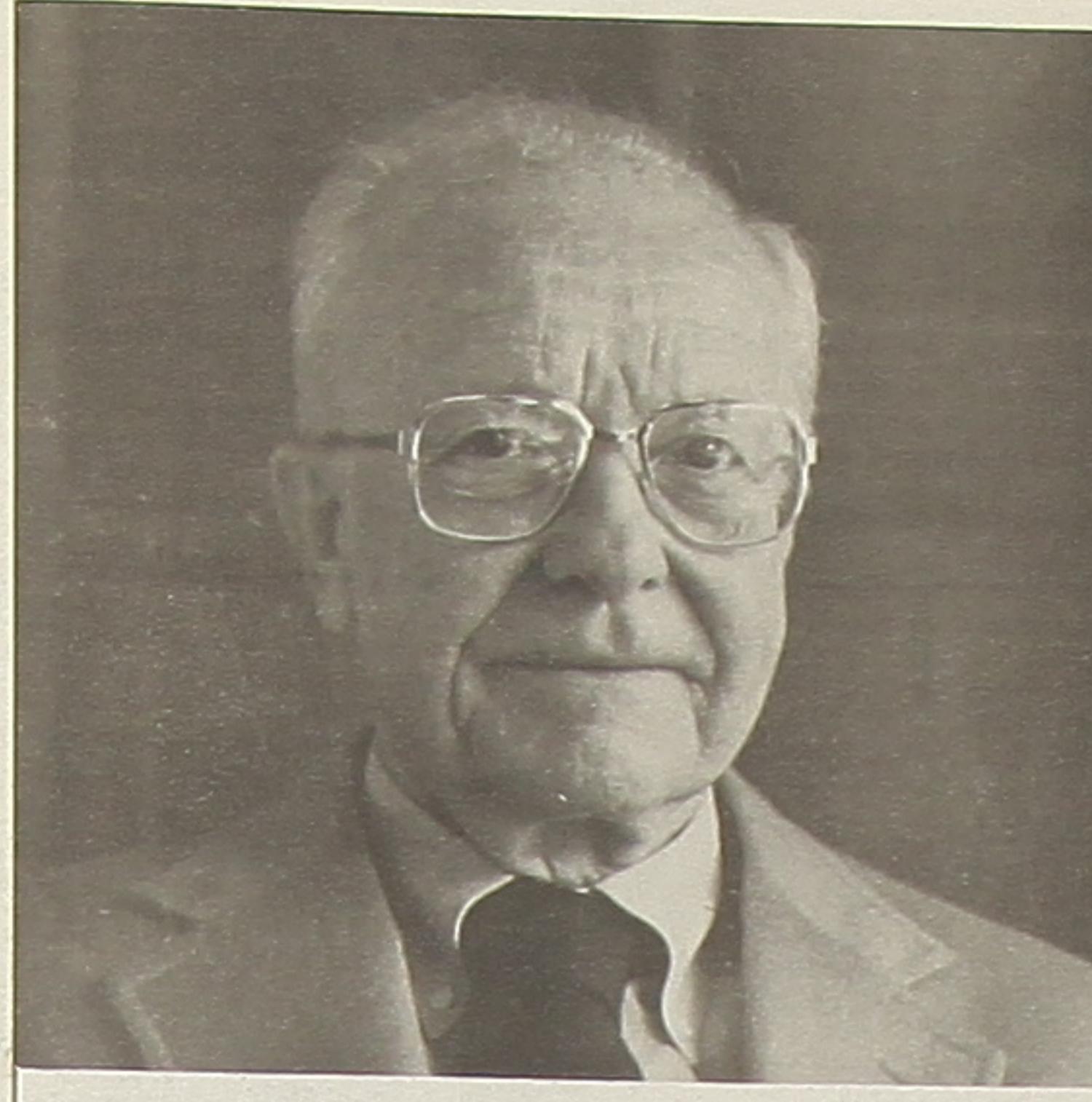
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Years of service

Dr. Gail Renner, head of the social sciences department, is writing a book about the College's history.

Starkey witnesses college changes

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After teaching at Missouri Southern for 24 years, Dr. Sam Starkey will retire at the end of the summer session.

Starkey, associate professor of psychology, came to the College in 1966, when classes were being conducted at what is now Joplin Junior High School. At that time, he had a bachelor of science in education, a master's degree, and was working toward a doctorate.

Starkey gave up his 18-year position as a basketball coach to teach. He coached five years at Pineville, Wheaton, and Anderson high schools, and also coached for five years at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark. Three more years were spent coaching at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark.

"There was too much travel involved," he said. "As a small-college coach you had to be a scout and recruiter. I had to travel as many as 25,000 to 30,000 miles."

Starkey said his second year at Southern stands out in his mind.

"The most traumatic time I spent on campus was our first year on the new campus," he said. "Some of us taught as many as 21 hours a semester."

Due to lack of staff, he ended up teaching day and night classes in education, psychology, physical education, mathematics, and science.

"It took us three or four more years to get enough staff to handle the student body," Starkey said.

As a teacher, Starkey stressed his responsibilities to education majors in his classroom.

"One of the things I wanted to push in

education classes were their (instructors) responsibilities to students," he said. "It was and is my contention that teachers are more than information givers."

Starkey subscribes to a catch phrase, "technology will destroy us."

"I emphasized this with handouts involving the perils of leisure and the perils of technology," he said. "I also stressed that teachers should try to find more things students are doing right than wrong."

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—Dr. Sam Starkey, associate professor of psychology

In his years at Southern, Starkey saw both of his sons, Sam and Bart, graduate from the College. His daughter, Lynn, went on to graduate from Central Missouri State University.

"I had all three of my children in class at one time or another," he said. "Many of the students didn't know who they were, and they never did address me until after class. Their attendance, needless to say, was very good."

In addition to witnessing growth on campus with the completion of several buildings, Starkey has closely watched a change in students and the status of

Southern as well.

"There seems to be a change in the academic atmosphere," he said. "We began to pick up larger numbers of non-traditional students who were often strongly biased but open to new information. I see the future at Missouri Southern as being an extremely strong, academic college."

After he retires, Starkey said he would like to do nothing, at least for a while. Later he intends to take some classes at the University of Arkansas, possibly in

foreign language and literature. He and his wife also hope to do some traveling.

"We'll probably make it to the Orient and Western Europe at least once," he said.

Starkey believes he will miss his students most of all.

"I'll miss talking with them," he said. "Of all the things that kind of keep your feet to the fire, it's talking with your students in an informal way over a cup of coffee or a Coke. Then you find out what they're really thinking."

notes that Joplin Junior College was almost an all-women's school during World War II. "There was a definite shortage of boys during this time," he said.

According to Renner, the progress of the College was slow before making strides in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

His research on the history of Southern consists of studying old documents, letters, copies of *The Chart* and *Crossroads*, newspaper clippings, and various other items. Although he has had only the summers to work on this project, Renner says he now can spend more time writing his book because of his retirement. He hopes to have it completed in about a year.

"I think doing research is very exciting," said Renner, "even though some people think it is a real drag."

He is looking forward to traveling, perhaps to Europe and Alaska, and spending more time on his writing. Besides writing about history, Renner said he would like to focus on agriculture and the automobile industry.

He said history always has been one of his favorite subjects. "I like to read about the past," he said, "and about the events that shape this nation and other nations and see how these events affect people's lives. It is a fascinating story."

After spending 25 years at Southern, Renner said he has seen many changes in the College such as the expansion of degrees and course offerings.

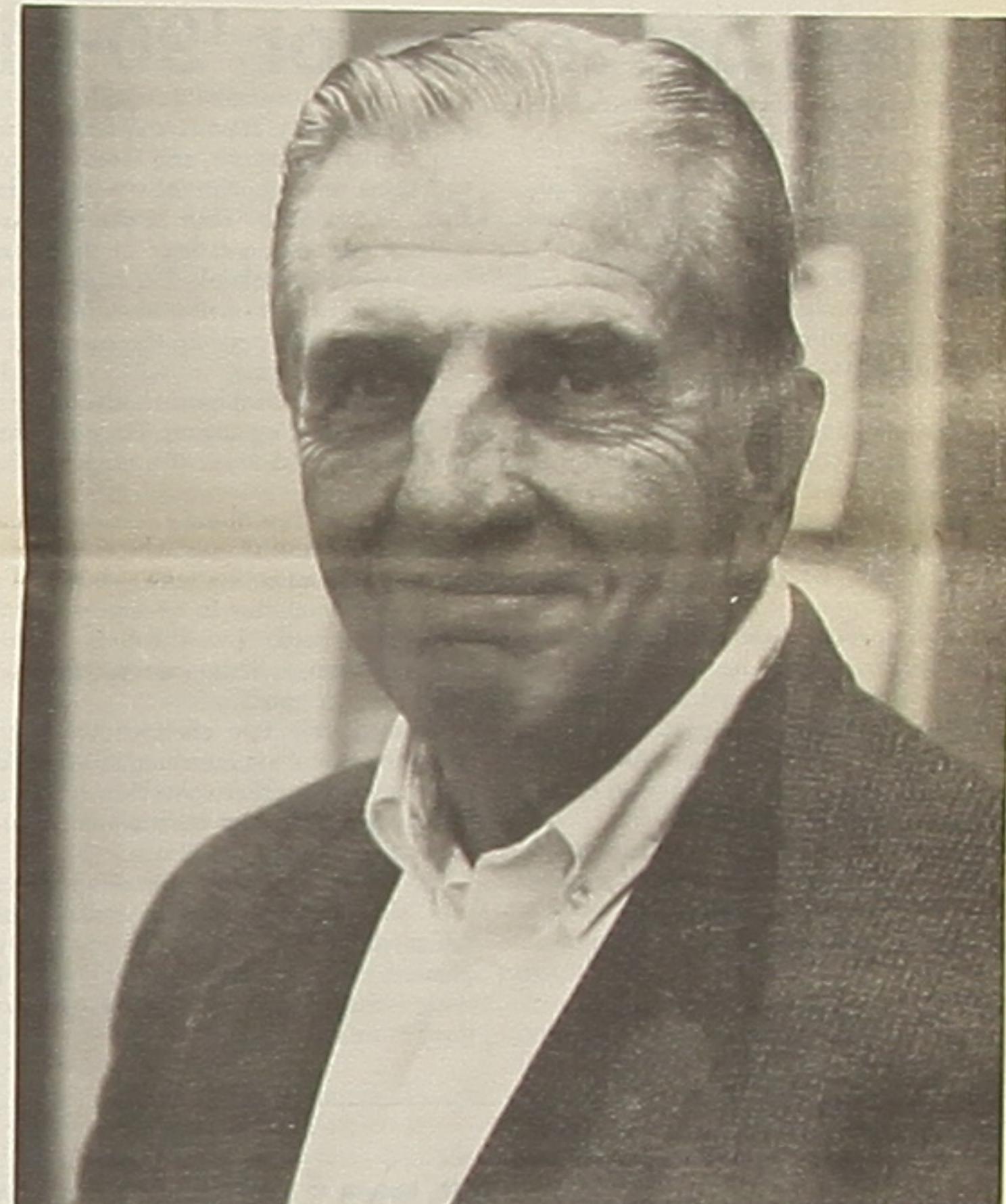
One of his more memorable moments came when the College became a four-year institution and moved to its present location in 1967. "It was exciting to be a part of it," he said, "because everybody was real excited about it."

With the new core curriculum, students will be able to get a better historical background, according to Renner. "There seems to be so many schools who do not emphasize history as much as they should," he said.

Teaching young people is the most challenging aspect of his job. "It gives me an opportunity to be academically involved," said Renner. "Teaching is a very satisfying profession for me."

He said he will miss teaching, though he may return on a part-time basis.

Renner received a bachelor of science degree from Southwest Missouri State University, a master of arts in education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a master of arts in history from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In 1973 he received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



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Responsibility

Dr. Sam Starkey, an associate professor of psychology who is retiring soon, believes he has special responsibilities to education majors in his classes.

Highland to keep himself occupied

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Having taught at Missouri Southern since 1968, Dr. Robert Highland is retiring.

The 65-year-old professor of education said he wanted to leave while his health is still "fairly" good.

"I don't want to be one of the people who didn't get a chance to enjoy retirement because of health problems," he said.

Highland obtained a bachelor's of music education and a master's of music education from Oklahoma State University and a doctorate of education from the University of Arkansas. He came to Southern to be closer to family.

"I had the urge to be a little closer to home," he said, "and the opportunity came to move to Joplin, and we weighed matters and decided to move here. I think it was a good decision."

During his 22-year tenure at Southern, Highland served as director of student teaching and, most recently, as director of the instructional media center. He founded the Joplin chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international education fraternity and served as president of the Missouri Unit of the Association of Teacher Educators.

Having taught at Emporia State University for five years and in the Oklahoma public schools for 13 years, Highland said he has enjoyed working at Southern because of the age of the College.

"It's kind of exciting," he said, "and

you're not so steeped in tradition that you can't experiment and find new ways of doing things."

While teaching here, Highland said he has seen many significant changes. Among the most important, he said, was the death of College President Leon Billingsly in 1978.

"It was a memorable experience," Highland said. "It was a loss because he was the heart and soul of the institution."

Another significant change Highland cited was in the area of sports. In addition to the move to NCAA Division II and the MIAA, he cited the hiring of Jon Lantz, head football coach, as a plus for the athletic program.

"I think we've grown in stature. We're becoming more like colleges and universities are generally regarded to be. We've gone from more of a locally known school to where we are getting regional recognition."

—Dr. Robert Highland, professor of education

"I think the College is headed for great things," said Highland. "For example, I think Jon Lantz is a first-class coach, and I think the football team is really going to excel."

Enrollment increases have added prestige to the College, according to Highland.

"I think we've grown in stature," he

said. "We're becoming more like colleges and universities are generally regarded to be. We've gone from more of a locally known school to where we are getting regional recognition."

After retirement, Highland said he will occupy himself by fishing, golfing, and possibly traveling.

"We're going to see the Alamo this summer," he said. "It's a monument to the American spirit, I think. I've been there a couple of times, and it's always an inspiration."

Another hobby for Highland is singing. Long a member of a barbershop quartet, he said he will travel to Tampa, Fla., in January to compete along with his group

The Four Bs.

He said at Southern he has experienced satisfaction in watching his former students succeed and the College grow.

"There's been a lot of satisfaction in being part of a growing institution. There is an excitement maybe you wouldn't get at an older, more established university."



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Many plans

Dr. Robert Highland, professor of education, has plans to fish, golf, and possibly travel after retirement.

'Rocky Horror' movie arrives at Southern

Show involves audience participation

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

What Dave Swenson, executive chairman of movies for the Campus Activities Board hopes will become an annual tradition at Missouri Southern will be shown Monday and Tuesday.

The *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, one of the most popular cult movies of all time, will be shown at the biology pond pavilion at 8:30 p.m. both days.

"It's been kind of a tradition here," said Swenson. "It's shown at least every other year if not every year. So I thought let's kind of spread it around and make it a yearly tradition."

The movie is well known for its high level of audience participation, and Swenson thinks its scheduling time could not be better.

"It's a great event to blow off steam, especially as finals start," he said. "It's a fun way to get a little crazy."

Cheerleader squad lacks male presence for '90-91

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Recent tryouts for Missouri Southern's cheerleading squad brought one small disappointment for Heidi Oakes, cheerleading sponsor.

Once again, Southern has no male cheerleaders.

Tryouts were open to all area high school seniors and Southern students, male and females. Oakes encouraged males to try out in an effort to start a male cheerleading program that has not existed for at least three years.

The males who tried out, however, were not up to par.

"We looked at the whole picture and they were not really ready for college-level cheerleading," Oakes said. "I think a couple of them might be ready next year."

According to Oakes, the goal for next year is to make a concentrated effort to recruit male cheerleaders.

"None of Southern's 40 feeder schools have male cheerleaders, or yell-leaders as they're called in high school," she said. "Kansas City has some really good male cheerleaders, and we will probably go up there."

The 1990-91 squad includes Inger Stockam, Susan Merrill, Jennifer Nelson,

For those who are familiar with the movie, the biology pond is the obvious choice of showing places.

"Rocky involves a lot of props and audience participation that we couldn't allow in a building," Swenson said. "It's a lot better to have it outside where there's not a problem with damage and we can clean it up easier."

The CAB is releasing a list of paraphernalia those attending the movie may want to bring. This list consists of a water gun, toast, newspaper, cards, lighters, bird seed, noise makers, and birthday hats. There will be a contest for those who dress up as their favorite character from the movie.

The audience is encouraged to sing and dance along with the characters. Bird seed is thrown during the wedding scene, and party favors are brought out with the movie, just to name a few of the activities.

"I've seen it so many times, I've lost count," said Swenson. "It just keeps you coming back."



One fine day

Dr. Sam Gibson, associate professor of biology, takes his students on a field trip Tuesday in the field at the intersection of Newman and Duquesne roads, across the street from the residence halls.

Placement office changes focus, offers more

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

With the creation of the Student Employment Office, the career planning and placement program now has more time to devote to helping students and graduates find jobs in their field of study.

"We really appreciate Mindy [Chism, student employment coordinator] over here," said Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement. "It has given us a lot of time that we really needed. Before, part-time jobs were really the bottom of our priority list, but now Mindy devotes the needed time to it and the students really benefit from it."

According to Disharoon, the placement office underwent a change of focus in January 1988, when she was hired.

"We had kept credential forms on file and references and that sort of thing," she said. "That was basically our function. We did some on-campus interviews, but we didn't do a whole lot in career development. So when I came on board, we changed our focus more toward the career

development end of that."

"We started presenting a lot of workshops and seminars and offering individual career counseling and resume critiques. We had always offered that; it just wasn't being taken advantage of."

According to Disharoon, the office has enjoyed "excellent" attendance at the career seminars, and she said only the Bag-A-Career program needs more "picking up."

"The program was started at the very last bit of last year, so really it's a new program for this year. We're hoping attendance will increase."

"Student participation is necessary to increase the amount of Bag-A-Career we do, and to increase the amount of companies we get on campus, as well as keep the ones that do come here coming back."

The Bag-A-Career program was set up to assist students in gaining information on career opportunities and to offer companies a chance for greater exposure on campus.

"It gives the student a chance to speak with a prospective employer on an informal basis," Disharoon said, "and allows

them to gain insight into what they will need in an interview and their resume, as well as give them a chance to make contacts in the business world."

According to Disharoon, the success rate has been high in job placement. She says the office is informed "almost daily" that students have received jobs either through references from the College or through on-campus interviews.

Besides the instigation of the Student Employment Office, other changes have included the addition of a computer resume critique program, a revamping of the career library, and the instigation of a weekly comprehensive vacancy bulletin.

The bulletin, handled exclusively by Chuck Lasley, a student-help employee, gives the most recent information on companies and the openings they have in various areas. It is directed toward those holding degrees and seeking permanent employment. The bulletin, started just over two months ago, is on a subscription basis at a cost of \$5 for students, \$7 for alumni, and \$10 for non-graduate students. The subscription database already holds more than 400 names.

Financial aid encourages efficiency, better planning

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Some changes in the financial aid program for summer and fall will affect most full-time students at Southern.

"Our figures show that 80 percent of full-time college students here receive some form of financial aid," said Jon Johnson, accountant for accounts receivable. "We want to start these changes in the summer when there is less financial aid involved. This way we can work things through so when fall gets here everything will work smoothly."

The first change made will be the instigation of an award letter to all students receiving any form of financial aid—federal, state, private, or institutional.

"In the past, we just sent out a letter to those students who received aid from the College," Johnson said. "Now it will be for everybody."

The letter will outline what form of aid the student has received and the total annual amount of the award. Also included is information pertaining to the information the College needs for the award to run smoothly and what conditions the student will have to meet before the financial aid is credited. The letter must be signed and returned to the financial aid office within three weeks.

The next change going into effect is the stoppage of cash refunds on account balances.

In the past, for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans, the student went to the business office and signed a check issued on the student's account. The amount was then applied to the balance, and any amount over the balance was refunded to the student in cash. Now, Pell Grants will be applied directly to the account without the need of the student's signature. The student then will be sent a check for the ex-

cess after the bill has been paid. Also, the cashier no longer will be able to cash these checks.

In the case of Perkins Loans, where the check is issued by a bank to both the student and the College, the student will have to go to the business office to sign the check over to his or her account. The excess then will be sent to the student in check form in the mail.

"Our main concern was the amount of cash we had to keep on hand in the business office," said Johnson. "Besides which, the students walking away from the window will be carrying all that cash and may not be able to go directly to a bank. With refunds ranging sometimes over \$500, this is really dangerous."

Johnson encourages students to sign up early for financial aid options. The financial aid office takes approximately three weeks to process aid applications.

"We're trying to get everyone to think ahead and plan a little. It could work so much easier if they come in early while the options are still open," Johnson said. "When they receive their bill in the fall is not the time to start wondering where the money is going to come from."

One of the programs the business office is using to help students with financial planning is a pre-billing sent to the student with a proposed arrival date of late July. Johnson believes this will give the students time to set up a payment plan.

"We don't want to take away the convenience of a billing system," he said. "We want to be fair, but the first time they think about it should not be the first time they have a bill. If they do not pay their bill, they will be dropped from classes, and that is embarrassing. We don't want that to happen. We want to help. The earlier you think about it, the more options there are."

"It's basically planning."

Upcoming Events

Today	Interviews International Business Software Corporation Sign up Room 207 BSC	Honors Luncheon 11 a.m. Connor Ballroom BSC	Advertising Career Day 6:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom BSC	Reading Association Dinner 6:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC
Tomorrow	Cholesterol Screening 6:45 a.m.-10 a.m. Room 203 Young Gymnasium Free to faculty, staff	Track MIAA Outdoor Championships TBA through Saturday	Free Coffee by Social Sciences Club 8 a.m. Room 311 Mansion	Bookstore Open for return of rental books 4 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Weekend	People for Animal Welfare 2 p.m. Joplin Public Library Saturday	Biology Club Float Trip Sign Up Room 317 Reynolds Hall	Reception for Retired Faculty 3 p.m. Second Floor Lounge BSC Sunday	Wesley Foundation 'Sunday Nite Live' 8 p.m. Newman Road UMC Sunday
Monday	Color Guard Tryouts 5:30 p.m. Room 222 Music building	Math League Awards 6 p.m. Keystone Room BSC	CAB Banquet 6:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom BSC	CAB Movie 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' 8:30 p.m. Biology Pond Pavilion
Tuesday	Student Services Luncheon 12:15 p.m. Room 306 BSC	Bag-A-Career Farmers Insurance Group 12:30 p.m. Room 311 BSC	Koinonia Bible Study 7 p.m. College Heights Christian Church	Last Day Of Classes
Wednesday	Wellness Seminar 12:10 p.m. Room 314 BSC	ROTC Awards Ceremony 2 p.m. Room 310 BSC	CAB Dance Tropics 9 p.m. Biology Pond	

Festival receives praise

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

As the first Arts Festival winds to a close, organizers say the work was worth it.

Gwen Hunt, public information director, said she has received favorable response from the community.

"Everyone was thrilled with the events we provided at the festival," she said. "They thought it was a wonderful idea."

Dr. Jay Fields, chairman of the festival, said while attendance varied from show to show, overall it was "pretty good."

Most events were held in Taylor Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 2,036. A performance by the State Ballet of Missouri captured the most attendance, filling approximately 1,200 seats. The International Piano Competition saw increased attendance from years past as the gala winner's concert was performed to an audience of 600, and the various judges' performances drew crowds of nearly 200.

Fields said Maureen O'Boyle's Suzuki violin recital found an "unexpected treat" in some of the 350 attendees of *The Birthday of Infanta*. As parents came in with their children to see the show, violinists ranging in age from five to 30 were playing in the lobby.

"It was really nice," said Fields. "That's exactly what the festival should do—combine the arts like a hippie thing from the '60s. They used to call it a happening."

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe, which limited seating to 150 each night, had a three-day total attendance of 340. Southern Theatre productions *Talking With and Attack of the Mushroom People* will conclude the festival this week.

Hunt and Fields said the most disappointing turnout was for *Billy Bishop Goes to War*. Only 150 people attended the two-man play on April 21.

"It was a fabulous, top-notch show," said Hunt. "People would have loved it."

Fields said the performers also were disappointed with the attendance, but by the end of the show they loved the audience. The two men found that the audience loved them, too, after they received a standing ovation.

Although the festival has been "a lot of work," Fields said it will be worth it when it has been a success. He said it has made "zombies" out of instructors like Sam Claussen, who was responsible for handling the technical aspects for all shows.

"He and his staff have been wonderful," said Fields. "Outside companies have been amazed with their professionalism."

Hunt said she assumes this year's attendance has merited another festival. According to Fields, if there is another festival, it probably will be quite different since the piano competition will not be held.

Competition called successful

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

All indications show that the third International Piano Competition, one of the highlights of the Arts Festival, was a success.

Jay Fields, chairman of the festival, said Vivian Leon, director of the competition, is responsible for the accomplishment.

"Mrs. Leon worked so hard and long, almost non-stop on the competition," he said. "When you put that much work into something, it's impossible to fail."

Leon agrees that everything went well, saying she was happy with the outcome of the four-day competition.

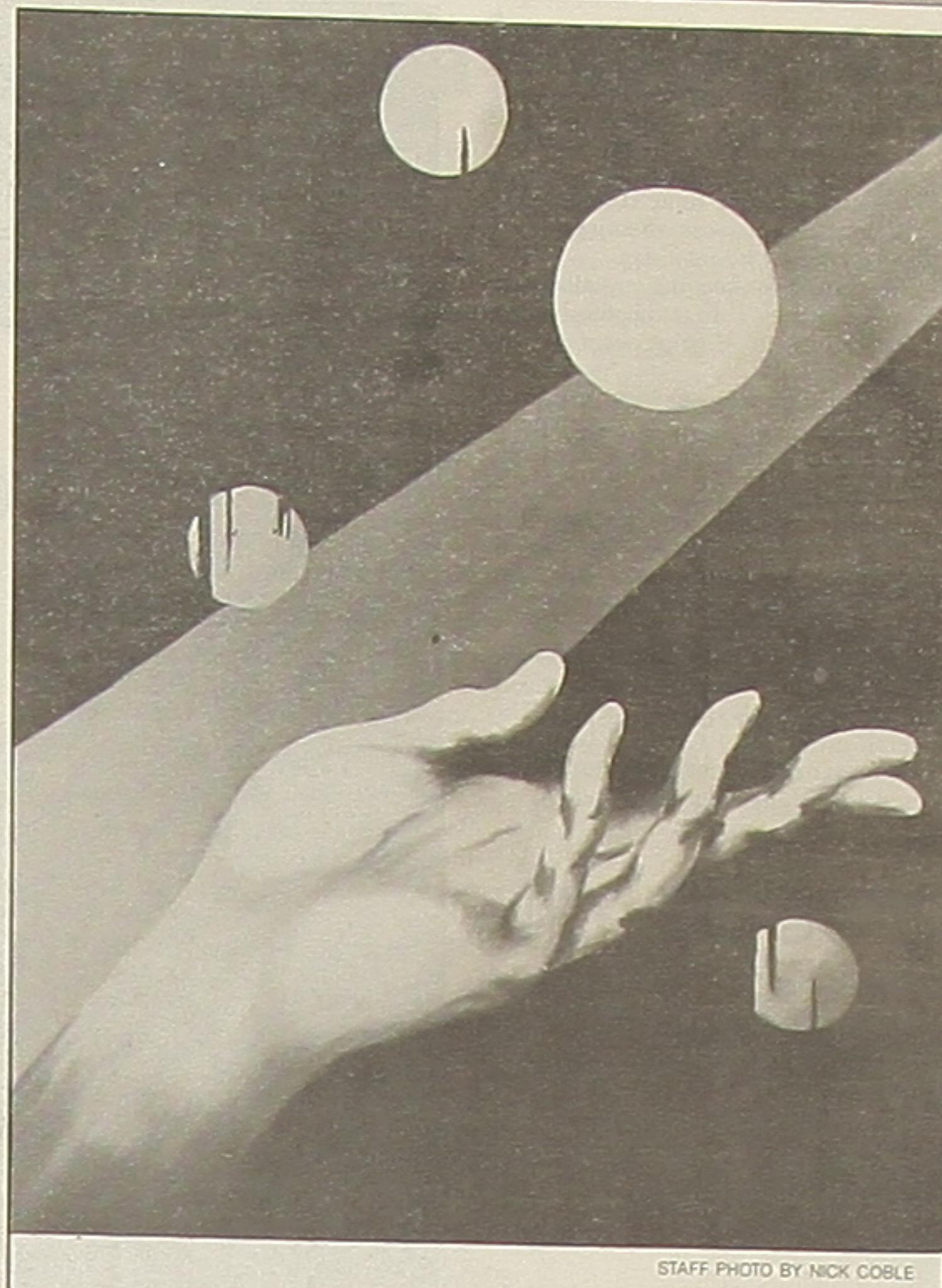
"Attendance really was up compared to the last competition, especially for the gala winner's concert," she said. "I am very pleased with not only the attendance, but the fact that we attracted a group of pianists with such good backgrounds."

Twenty-five-year-old Mia Chung of the United States captured first-place honors in the senior division. She performed three selections as the finale to the winner's concert, held April 26 in Taylor Auditorium. Thirty-year-old Steve Heyman and 25-year-old Hayuru Taima, both of the United States, won second and third prize.

Myung-Hee Chung, one of the four judges of the competition, said choosing a winner for the senior division was not as clear-cut as the other decisions.

"Everyone played really well," she said. "There was a some dissension among the judges, but it was more or less unanimous."

Chung said the decision for the junior division first prize was completely unanimous. Christie Peery of the United States won the honor with distinction, which means her caliber of performance was so above the others that no second prize was



'Psychology'

This oil painting by Julie Procyk-Smith, along with works of three other seniors, is currently on display in the Spiva Art Center for the annual senior exhibit.

Choirs to perform Tuesday

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

Although the Arts Festival officially ends Sunday, the campus will not be left dry of arts-related activities.

The Concert Chorale and Southern Exposure are scheduled to give a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium. Under the direction of Bud Clark, the groups will cater to everyone.

"We try to make it a wide-variety program," said Clark. "There's something for everyone—whatever their taste is."

The concert is divided into three sections. It will open with Southern Exposure, the new pop group on campus. With the jazz band, Southern Exposure will do pieces featuring the big-band sound of the 1940s with some pop thrown in.

"It should be kind of different," said Clark. "I don't think they've ever done a choral program with this type of music."

Southern Exposure's performance will settle the audience in to the second phase of the concert. According to Clark, the Concert Chorale is a more conservative

group which performs folk songs, spirituals, and songs of a classical nature.

"We will be performing a mixed bag of songs that we took on tour to various high schools this spring," he said. "The choir feels very comfortable with these selections."

The final section of the spring concert will be performed by the Concert Chorale, accompanied by a small orchestra. It will sing "Requiem," a composition written for the dead.

"It's beautiful and haunting," said Clark. "It has wonderful, singable melodic lines."

The entire concert will last nearly two hours, but Clark said it is quick paced.

"The first two sections are approximately one-half hour each and the 'Requiem' will last 45 minutes," he said. "They will move very fast. It should be an enjoyable evening."

Clark is pleased with the development of the choir this year and is looking forward to next year. He encourages anyone of any major who has an interest in singing to join one of the choirs.

Seniors display work in Spiva Art Center

Exhibit features three different sections of art

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Eight seniors are displaying their talents at the annual senior exhibit which runs through May 13 at the Spiva Art Center.

Perry Fleming, a senior art major who describes himself as an art coach, sees the senior exhibit as a launching pad to a successful career.

"The concept of the senior exhibit is to help finish out your college life and get you ready for wherever you're headed," Fleming said. "If you are a studio major, this gives you a final chance to show your best work that you have achieved to date in your schooling."

Presently, there are three different sections of art being developed at the senior exhibit. These include studio art, graphic art, and art instruction.

"The studio artists, could be termed fine artists, who give more emphasis on art classes themselves," said Fleming, "while the graphic artists are usually more in charge of programs and campaigns, rather than the specific work of layouts and pastings."

The art instructors are those who will become teachers. This is the group to which Fleming belongs.

"We dabble more in educational classes

and less art classes," he said.

Fleming's exhibit's theme is centered on the things which are close to him and create realism.

"I made mine close to realism because that is something the students can relate to. It allows me to introduce discussions, elements, and concepts that the students will need to deal with before they go on the more difficult things."

Fleming, who deals with watercolors, oil, drawings, pottery, sculptures, and jewelry, would like to become either a junior or senior high school art teacher. He is prepared to teach in any given area of art if the need arises.

Nathan Scott, another senior displaying various works in graphic designs, magazine advertisements, posters, and other material, says that while most art is drawn for a wide variety of people, graphics are designed purposely for small group.

"We don't try to please everyone," he said, "but instead try to target only about 10,000 or a half-million people, and we go for them and only them. Each piece has a specific target for a specific audience."

The works of Fleming, Scott, Julie Procyk-Smith and Chellie Smith-Jones will be on display this week. Starting Sunday and running through the May 13, four more seniors will display their work at Spiva.

Orchestra to give concert

Group helps bind ties between College and community

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

Taylor Auditorium will be filled with the sound of music once again as the College/community orchestra gives its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Led by William Elliott, associate professor of music, the group is comprised of approximately 70 amateur musicians, including College faculty, students, and other members of the community. They will perform an hour-and-20-minute concert featuring the works, selected by Elliott, of famous composers from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

"I try to select something for any age of concert-goer," he said. "You can't go wrong when you go with well-known composers."

Mozart's 36th Symphony and Hayden's concerto for violin and chamber orchestra will be included in the performance. The violin concerto features Maureen O'Boyle, instructor of music.

Also included will be a suite by Georges Bizet as well as "Hoedown," a selection by composer Aaron Copland from the ballet *Rodeo*.

"Copland's piece will be the finale," said Elliott. "It's a really exciting work

that everybody likes."

This concert is one of two performances the orchestra gives each year, yet the group practices once a week.

"We're ready," he said. "I'm confident that it will go well."

The Arts Festival comes to a conclusion Sunday, leaving the orchestra concert not included. Elliott is not upset by this.

"You have to draw the line somewhere," he said. "It's as simple as that."

According to Elliott, the idea to combine faculty, students, and community members in one orchestra was hatched in 1972. Since then there has been turnover in members, but he still considers the group well-seasoned.

"We are very fortunate to have faculty and community members who have stayed with the orchestra over the years."

Faculty members include O'Boyle on the violin; Dr. Wayne Harrell, professor of music, on the horn; Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, on the oboe; and Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, on the trumpet.

Elliott believes this orchestra is needed in Joplin.

"The fact that we combine community members with the College really helps to bind ties between the two."

Coming Attractions

Joplin	Symphonic Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Today Taylor Auditorium	College/Community Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. Monday Taylor Auditorium	MSSC Senior Show Thru May 13 Spiva Art Center	Spring Choral Concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Taylor Auditorium
Springfield	<i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'</i> Tomorrow thru Sunday Springfield Little Theatre Call 869-1334	<i>Amorphous Color'</i> Thru May 27 Springfield Art Museum Call 869-2716	<i>From the Mountain Top'</i> Tomorrow thru May 19 Stained Glass Theatre Call 869-9018	<i>From the Mountain Top'</i> May 4 thru 19 Stained Glass Theatre Call 869-9018
Tulsa	<i>Treasure Island'</i> Tomorrow thru May 19 Tulsa Performing Arts Center Call 918-747-9494	<i>La Cenerentola'</i> Saturday Tulsa Opera Chapman Music Hall Call 918-587-4811	<i>Mayfest</i> Crafts Show May 16-20 Main Mall Call 918-582-6435	<i>Orchestra and Chorus'</i> May 17 Chapman Music Hall Call 918-584-2533
Kansas City	<i>'Much Ado About Nothing'</i> Today thru Saturday Bell Road Barn Players Call 587-0218	<i>Harry S. Truman Anniversary Concert</i> 8 p.m., Saturday Kansas City Symphony Call 722-0391	<i>The Golden Fleecing'</i> Saturday and Sunday Encore Theatre Call 836-7195	<i>The Wizard of Oz'</i> 2 p.m. Sunday Westport Ballet Theatre Call 474-4444
	<i>An Evening with Tennessee Williams</i> Sunday and Monday Gypsy Theatre Call 842-2744	<i>'Amadeus'</i> Tuesday thru May 27 Missouri Repertory Theatre Call 276-2700	<i>The Rocky Horror Picture Show'</i> May 10 thru May 31 Unicorn Theatre Call 531-7529	<i>Andreas Bach</i> 8 p.m. May 11 Folly Theatre Call 474-4444

Joplin recognizes former regent

Chamber of Commerce names Higgins Outstanding Citizen for 1990

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Robert Higgins has been named by the Joplin Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Citizen for 1990.

"It was very touching to have your peers and the citizens of your town recognize the work you have done," said Higgins. "I was very honored and pleased."

Higgins, former president of Missouri Southern's Board of Regents, said he had no idea he would win the award. But he thinks his wife knew about two months ahead of time, and his two sons flew in so they could be with him that night. His mother attended as well.

Higgins currently is a member of the board of directors at Freeman Hospital and active in the Kiwanis Club. He served on the Board of Regents from 1983-89 and continues to be active in College affairs.

Higgins is an advocate for a multi-pur-

pose facility at Southern. Recently, College President Julio Leon asked him to go before the Joplin City Council and induce support for the arena.

"I am still a part of the school," he said. "I am very interested in the cultures and aspects of the area, and I think the College is the place which can supply that."

Higgins worked 41 years for the United States Postal Service, a job which he said was people-oriented.

From October 1942 to September 1945, Higgins was in the armed forces as a pilot instructor.

"I learned a lot about how people react under stress and sometimes fear," he said.

Higgins said he enjoys traveling and would like to see Australia and New Zealand. He has traveled extensively for two years when he was raising funds for scholarships for deaf children. Among other activities, he also has served on the United Way board.

During his spare time, Higgins enjoys golfing, fishing, and gardening. He also works out four hours a day.

"It is good for keeping you alert mentally," he said. "I do it religiously."

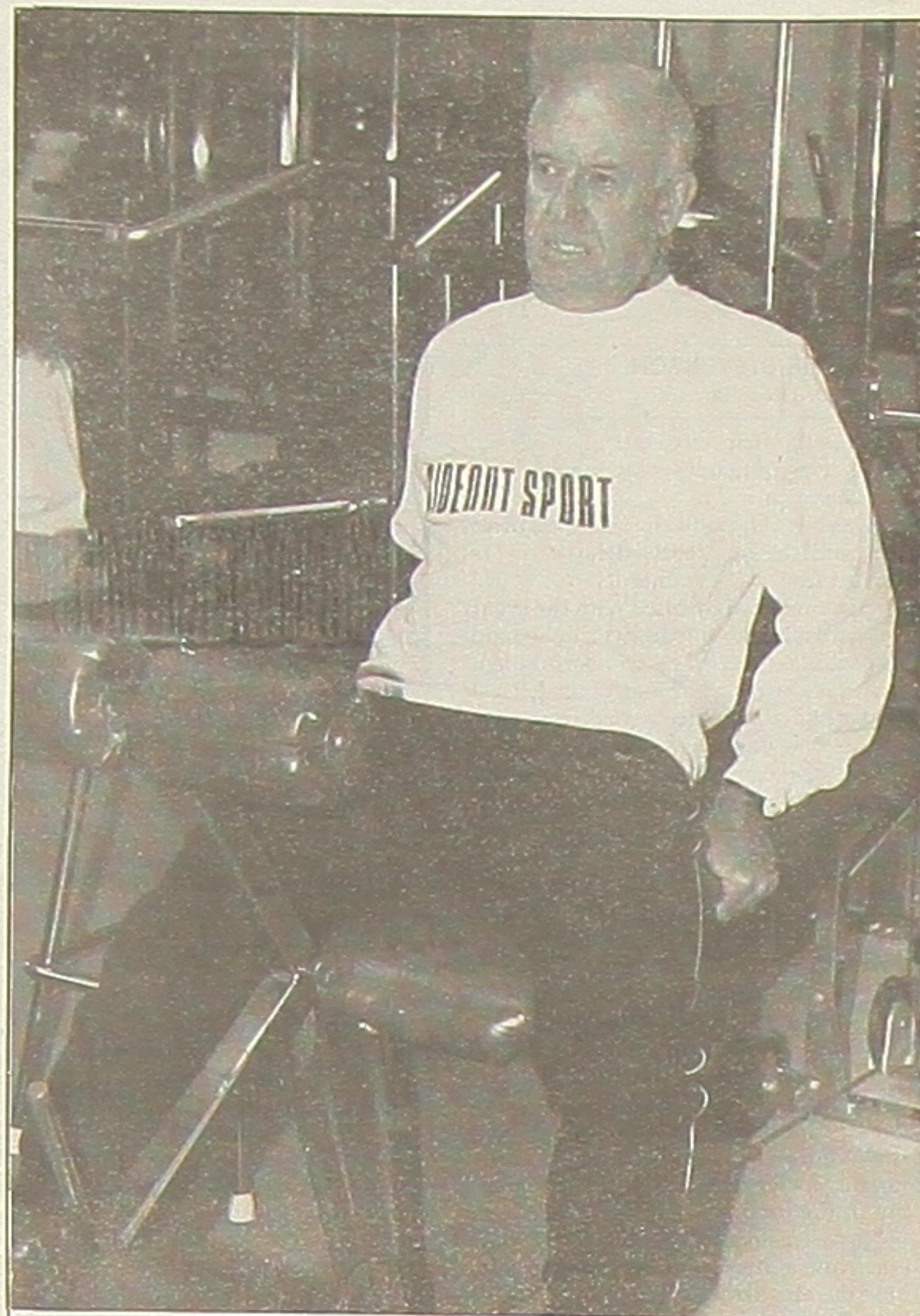
According to Higgins, everybody is important.

"Everybody can make some sort of contribution," he said, "but they have to be encouraged. I think you have to foster that in people."

"Every instance I have done, I feel like I have gotten more out of it than I have given."

Will Rogers has been a hero to Higgins for a number of years.

"Some of the things Rogers said had a profound effect on my life. One particular phrase is, 'Everybody is important. They are all creatures of God and you better give them a little bit of your time. You can learn something from everybody.'"



STAFF PHOTO BY CARINE PETERSON

One more!

Robert Higgins, former member of the Board of Regents at Missouri Southern, works out at Olympic Fitness Center. He exercises for four hours each day.

Hancock schedules Youth Summit

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Area high school students will get a chance to relay their thoughts and concerns tomorrow at the 7th District Youth Summit to be held at Missouri Southern.

A project of U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Missouri), the summit will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will include a variety of events focusing on current events and world happenings.

According to a press release issued by the office of the representative, the topic of the summit is "the nature of the changes and developments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, what do they really mean in the context of the cold war, and how should the U.S. respond?"

This topic will be further divided into the topics of developments in Eastern Europe and western response and Soviet military power and foreign policy.

Speakers for the event include David Funderburk, former U.S. ambassador to Romania, and Dr. William Van Cleave, chairman of the department of defense and strategic studies at Southwest Missouri

State University. Funderburk, ambassador to Romania from 1981-85, also has served on the foreign service staff of the U.S. Information Agency and was chairman of the division of social services at Campbell University.

Van Cleave, in addition to his position at SMSU, held the same post at the University of Southern California. He is a senior research fellow on national security affairs with the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, a member of the board of editors at *Global Affairs* magazine, and a visiting scholar at the Heritage Foundation in Washington D.C.

In 1981, Van Cleave served as the director of the department of defense transition team under former president Ronald Reagan. Currently, he serves on the department of defense and U.S. arms control agency working groups and is a consultant to the office of the secretary of defense and other related organizations.

Fannun Kannan, a naturalized citizen and owner of Kannan Land Development, Inc. and Martin Oil, Inc. in Joplin, also will address the topic of the American system of government. College President

Julio Leon and Jack Israel, superintendent of Joplin schools, will deliver opening remarks for the summit.

Although other sites were considered for the conference, Israel said he chose Joplin for the first summit.

"I just think that the Missouri Southern campus is a very special place to have these types of meetings," Israel said. "It also gives us a chance to show off Joplin and Missouri Southern."

Hancock told *The Chart* Southern was chosen in part because of its size.

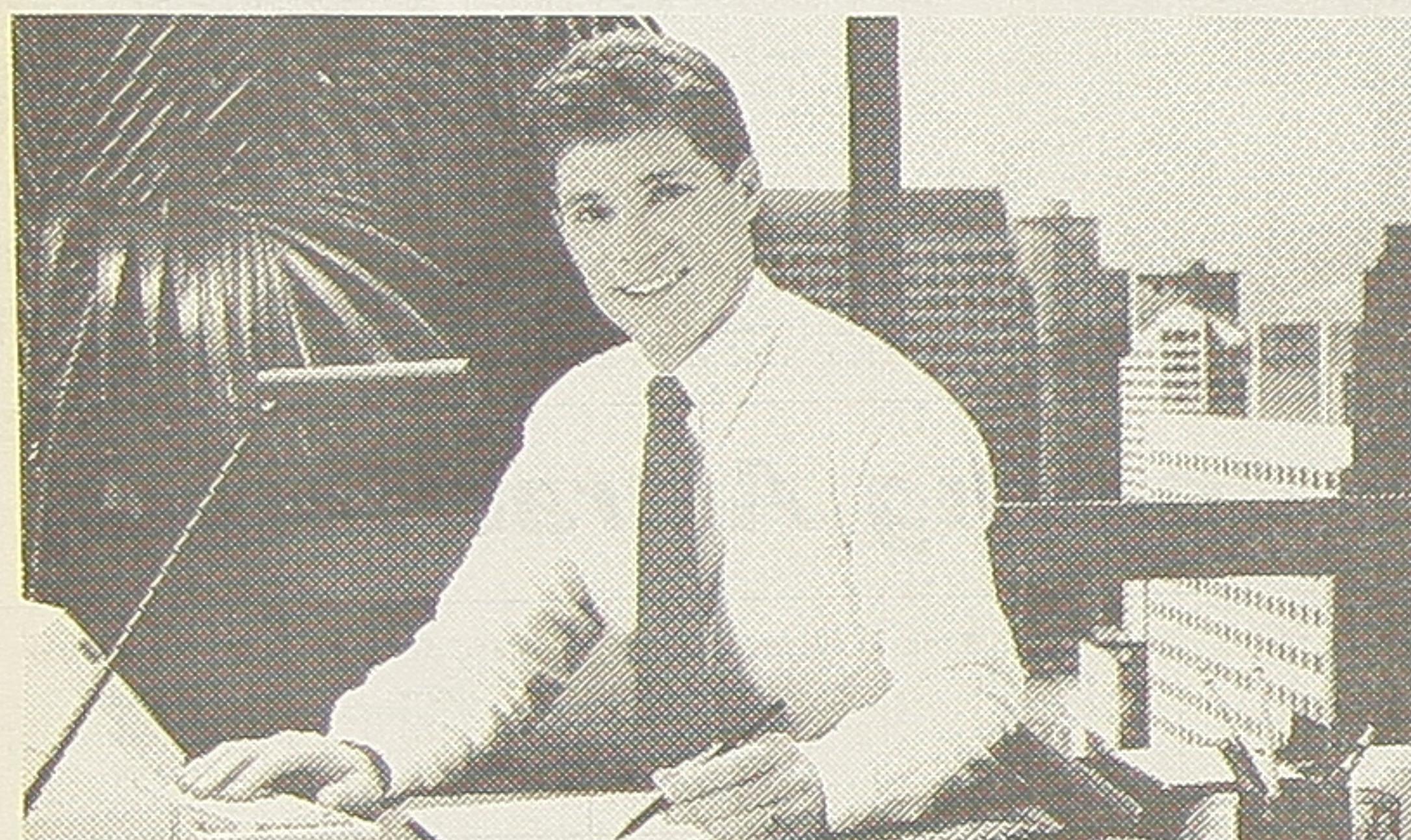
"It is a cooperative effort between Southern and Jack Israel," he said. "Missouri Southern would be an ideal location for this because SMSU is so busy and has so many students that you could get lost there."

Southern's staff is another reason Hancock said the College was chosen over other locations.

"Dr. Leon has been very supportive of this project, and the faculty at Southern are good, solid people," he said.

The summit was planned in an effort to educate and inform the students as well as Hancock, according to Israel.

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City board proposes raise for lifeguards

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Hoping to attract more lifeguards, the Joplin personnel department

Under the proposals, the starting wage for lifeguards, currently \$3.71 per hour, would go to \$4.15. The department also is recommending increased wages for concession stand workers, head lifeguards, pool supervisors, and the aquatic supervisor.

The city personnel board endorsed the proposal that will go before the Joplin City Council Monday.

According to Sheila Maerz, personnel director, wages for lifeguards and concessionaires now are below the minimum wage of \$3.80 per hour.

She said the city is not required to comply with the minimum wage requirement because of factors such as the seasonal nature of the jobs. Maerz said it is not an unreasonable request due to the nature of the work involved, the hours, and the cost of the training.

"Money is not a motivator," she said, "but you have to be able to compete with other employers. It will allow us to compete with the private pools."

Besides raising the starting wage, Maerz said the city also will sponsor classes to train senior pool workers as lifeguard instructors, who then will conduct classes for applicants interested in becoming lifeguards.

She said due to the lack of required training, officials have found it difficult to fill the 60 lifeguard positions. So far, the city has received about 30 applications.

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"It all became personal to me," he said. "I would not let them go to Vietnam."

Tensions at Kent State began to simmer again in 1974 when some students formed the Kent State Coalition and established "Tent City" on the site where the four students were mowed down by gunfire. Kent State officials wanted to build a gymnasium on the site, but the Coalition had other ideas. According to Fields, the students were prepared to sit there the rest of their lives if forced to.

"They were not about to be moved," he said. "The students were finally bused out and the gymnasium was built."

A need for more activism

Though the climate for student protest has calmed in the eyes of many since the days of the Kent State demonstrations and others, some instructors at Southern believe institutions could benefit from more

student involvement in politics.

"I certainly wish more students would perceive how issues outside the United States would affect them," Teverow said. "But I wouldn't recommend all the forms of demonstrations that I participated in."

Teverow, Merriam, Carnahan, and Fields agreed that violence during that period seemed only to beget more violence.

"I didn't agree with burning buildings," Merriam said. "To some extent the government brought out the National Guard as a reaction to threats of violence by students. They (students) did bring it on themselves a little bit, but there was no need for troops to open fire."

Teverow said such actions as writing letters to politicians, supporting candidates, and organizing demonstrations are some ways students can become more involved.

"I think the political climate would be a little healthier for that."

State employees may see rise in benefits

Legislation aims to keep workers in Missouri

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A measure to boost retirement benefits for legislators and state employees has won House approval and now is speeding through Senate committees.

The bill, which has the highest price tag of any measure being considered this session, calls for an increase in retirement benefits for legislators by 10 percent. Also, benefits for state employees with at least 20 years of service would grow by 33 percent, and employees with 10 to 20 years of service would get increases of 11 percent.

For example, a legislator with 20 years of experience would receive a pension of \$17,160 per year, up from \$15,600. A state employee pulling down \$24,200 with 20 years of experience would get a pension of \$9,600 a year, up from \$7,200.

According to Rep. Gail Chatfield (D-St. Louis), the sponsor of the House version of the bill, the proposal was created to provide additional motivation for state employees to stay in Missouri and not be swooned by the increased benefits of com-

peting states.

"We felt as though the state employees are dedicated employees until it comes time for the state to pay benefits and wages for them, and then we worry about the budget crunch," said Chatfield. "I believe that for their devoted service we should try and reward them for their time and service with some kind of pension that at least allows them to retire with some dignity."

The measure was endorsed by the Senate elections and general laws committee and the Senate budget control committee last week. Sen. John Scott, the bill's sponsor, asked for the plan to be sent to the full Senate so it can be placed on a list of priorities for the body's debate calendar.

While backers of the proposal estimate the state's cost at \$65 million a year, James Moody, commissioner of administration, said the bill would total more than \$80 million each year if the retirement system was fully funded.

However, the system is not fully funded, and Missouri already has underfunded the system by \$15 million this year.

Those opposing Chatfield's measure are concerned about how the proposal would be funded. They also worry about how the passage of this bill would affect other state employees and the fact that the legislators are giving themselves additional pension funding.

"Strange as it may seem, there's less than 200 widows and past legislators who receive any kind of pension at all," Chatfield said. "Those past legislators earn about \$8,000 a year and their dependents or spouses get about \$300 a month."

"It's not a great amount of money to the legislators, but it seems if you want to make an issue with the public you tell the people that the legislators are increasing their benefits by a certain number of dollars and it seems like everybody wants to buy on to that."

According to Chatfield, Gov. John Ashcroft has indicated he is not in favor of the retirement bill. But many legislators backing the measure have several ideas to quiet Ashcroft's opposition and help deter the bill's costs.

Scott said he plans to submit an alternative plan that would cut the state's cost. The plan would:

■ Reduce the percentage used to deter-

mine employees' retirement pay. The House has approved a 2 percent increase, but Scott's plan would calculate benefits based on one and two-thirds percent of a worker's highest salary.

If the General Assembly goes ahead with the 2 percent factor, Missouri would become the most generous in the nation for employees with 20 years of service.

■ Drop a proposal allowing state employees with 30 years of service to retire with full benefits at age 50. Currently, the law requires that employees be at least 55 years of age in order to retire.

If these changes do not satisfy Ashcroft, the bill's supporters say they have another avenue of approach to help make the proposal more attractive to the Governor's pen.

House Speaker Bob Griffin said the legislators may be able to tie the state retirement bill to a bill granting income tax exemptions for people drawing private pensions.

"The idea is to try to make it more attractive," said Griffin.

Chatfield said he expects the Senate to take final action on the bill sometime next week.

Higher Education Briefs

SMSU hopes study influences legislators

► An economic impact study commissioned by Dr. Marshall Gordon will show the state legislature how important Southwest Missouri State University is to the community, its president hopes.

The two SMSU economics professors who compiled the study say the university will have an economic impact of \$618.4 million in Springfield this year. SMSU itself will spend \$48 million in Springfield, and faculty and students will spend \$205 million.

State Rep. Jean Dixon (R-Springfield), however, thinks the study might have been a waste of money and wishes it would have been conducted by an outside organization.

CMSU increases fees

► The Board of Regents at Central Missouri State University has approved a \$3 per credit hour increase in student fees for 1990-91.

Fees will increase from \$53 to \$56 for in-state undergraduates and from \$68 to \$71 for resident graduate students. The University Union will receive \$5.30 of each credit hour fee for renovation, and \$2.68 will go toward the operation of the Multipurpose Building.

Horner to leave CMSU

► Dr. James Horner, former president of Central Missouri State University and now a professor of mathematics, has accepted a management position at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Horner will hold a civilian position at the institute, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio.

"I am not leaving over any disenchantment," said Horner, who served as president from 1979-85. "I think that some of the early things that happened when I was president were probably the high point of my stay here."

UMSL chancellor takes Houston post

► Marguerite Ross Bennett, chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, has accepted the presidency of the University of Houston.

Bennett, who received an annual salary of \$105,000 at UMSL, will receive a \$47,000 increase by going to Houston, which has an enrollment of 32,000. Bennett, 47, had been UMSL chancellor since 1986. She was a finalist last year for the University of Florida presidency, but was not selected.

UMC starts campaign to raise \$150 million

► The University of Missouri-Columbia has announced a three-year, \$150 million fund-raising campaign, the largest ever undertaken by the institution.

"There's a real crisis in higher education," said John Phillips of St. Louis, chairman of the campaign committee. The campaign has been in the works for two years, and \$69 million of the \$150 million already has been raised.

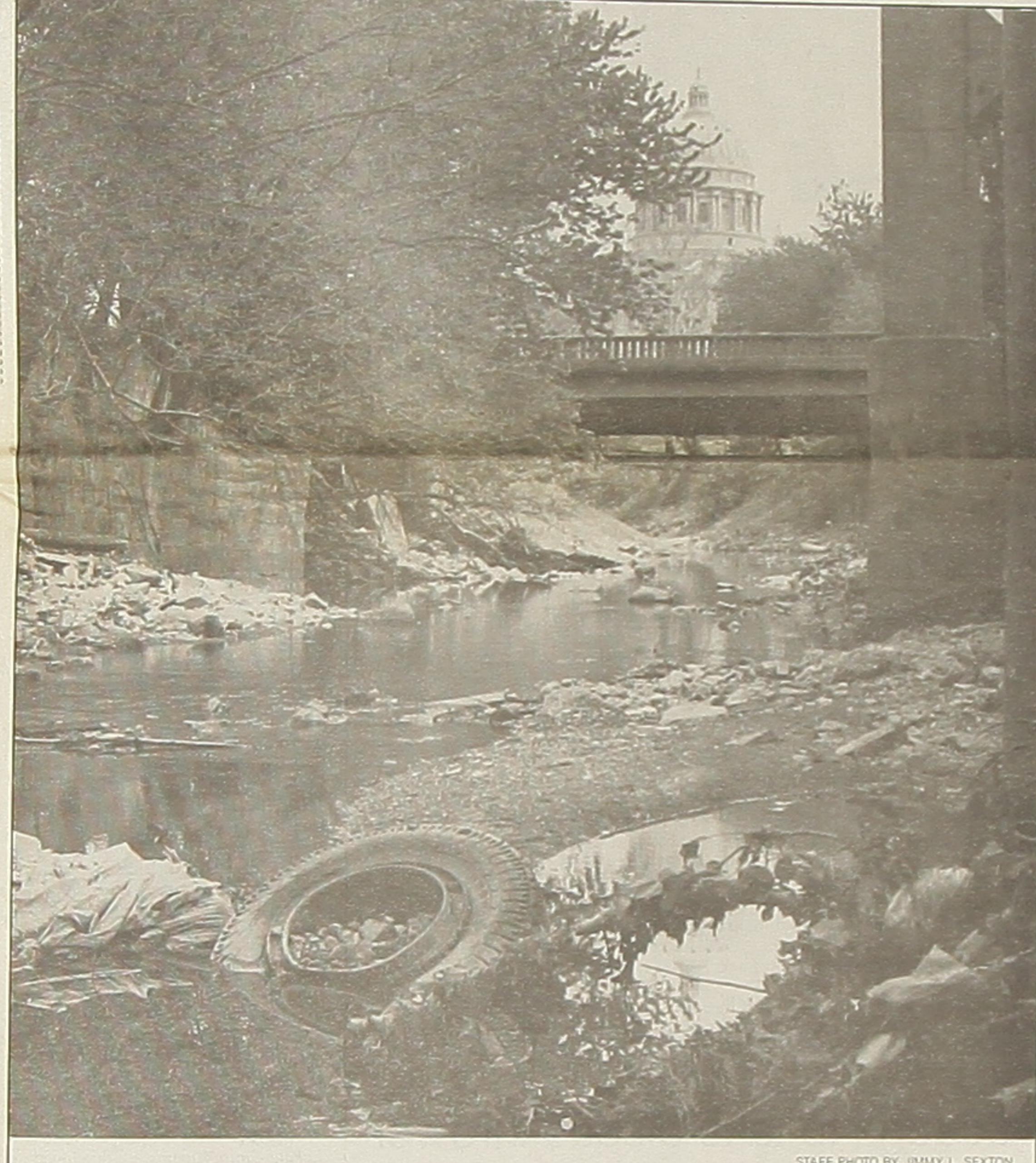
If MU meets its goal, \$27 million would go to the support of the faculty, \$17.2 million would go to student scholarships and recruitment, \$3 million would be used to improve campus libraries, \$44 million would be spent on equipment and physical facilities, and \$58.8 million would go to programs.

S of O changes name

► School of the Ozarks now will be known as College of the Ozarks in a decision made by the 21-member board of trustees.

The word "School" may have confused some people about the institution's status, according to Camille Howell, college spokeswoman. "I think it will be a big change in that it will help our national reputation."

College of the Ozarks, located in Point Lookout, recently was named by U.S. News and World Report to its Top 10 list of regional liberal arts colleges.



Dump it anywhere

Old tires and discarded garbage can be seen littering portions of Wears Creek, about three blocks west of the State Capitol in Jefferson City. Many legislators are tired of looking at these eyesores and are taking action to put an end to the irresponsible dumping of the old, worn-out radials.

Legislators attack problem of tire disposal

The plight of tire dumping and tire storage in Missouri has long been neglected, but several legislators are looking to get serious about responsibly disposing of the junk radials.

Hard to recycle, immune to rotting, and too spongy for landfills, these worn-out radials become a "blight on the environment" and a hazard to health.

From creekbeds to roadsides to barnyards, old and abandoned tires can be seen throughout the state. But fed up with having to look at evidence of the problem just a short walk from the Missouri Capitol, Rep. Pat Dougherty (D-St. Louis) is sponsoring legislation that would regulate the disposal and storage of used tires.

Now awaiting a final vote by the General Assembly, his proposal would attack the abusive problem and specify authority to regulate used tires.

The measure calls for those who store or haul tires to be licensed and meet strict rules. Burying tires in landfills or discretely dumping them, both of which are highly common, would be banned.

Missourians turn out about five million

of these black carcasses each year, discarding them throughout the state or hiring someone else to do so. If these useless treads were stockpiled by state law, various companies would have access to the scrap tires they need to make recycling economical.

In addition, these hulks could be re-treaded and used again as tires or burned as a substitute for coal and made into wastebaskets and floor mats.

"They're a heck of a good resource," said Dougherty. "They're a wanted resource."

Dougherty's proposal also has a provision requiring a new charge of \$1 per tire that would be collected to finance various tire-related programs, such as removal of tires from illegal dumps and to help provide grants for programs that try to find new ways to reuse old tires.

The Kansas legislature recently approved a measure designed to aid in the disposal of used tires. The tire bill would put a \$1 tax on replacement tires sold in the state to build a fund to encourage recycling or at least shredding of the junk tires.

Junk radials are a particular nuisance

in landfills and represent both a breeding place for insects in summer and a potential source for long-lived, smoky fires.

Besides the \$1 fee for replacement tire buyers, the Kansas bill requires owners of more than 1,000 old tires to register with the state department of health and environment and prohibits them from disposing of the tires the old-fashioned way—stacking them up in large piles or burying them whole.

According to Charles Wentz, who owns 90,000 tires stockpiled south of Fulton, the worst tire piles are "out of sight and out of mind."

President of Recycling Industries of Missouri, Wentz insists that he stores his tires in a safe and sanitary fashion. He believes he will earn a substantial monetary figure when he is able to recycle them into saleable products.

In addition to the Missouri legislature's recycling consciousness, other industries are jumping on the tire bandwagon: an Overland Park, Kan., firm wants to open a plant to chop up junk radials, two cement companies in eastern Missouri plan

to burn tires in their furnaces, and the state highway and transportation department expects this year to lay a short experimental stretch of asphalt road laced with ground-up tires.

"Companies like ours, we don't need any grants, loans, or subsidies," said Mike Sorcher, who wants to open a plant to process old tires. "We do need a steady supply of tires."

Sorcher said he would make money by charging a fee for taking the tires and selling the ground-up radials to businesses that will use them for something.

Nevertheless, the future for the majority of scrap tires includes organized stockpiles, dumping them in ravines or along back roads, or storing them in a warehouse or a corner of a junkyard.

Proponents of the Dougherty bill believe the tire provisions will bring responsible haulers into the tire industry, who in turn would properly dispose of the used tires.

Lady Lions prepare for NCAA quarterfinals

Softball team claims automatic berth

BY MARK ETTER
STAFF WRITER

It's all a matter of waiting for the MIAA champion softball Lady Lions as they prepare for the NCAA Division II national tournament.

By virtue of winning the MIAA title last weekend, Missouri Southern has earned the league's automatic bid to the tournament quarterfinals. The Lady Lions, 33-7 and ranked sixth in the nation, are idle until May 12 when they resume play at a site yet to be determined.

"We won't know until Monday who we play or where we play," said Pat Lipira, head coach. "The seedings are based on rankings. If we advance, the final four is played at Midland, Mich., the following week, May 18-20."

Sunday's 3-1 downing of the University of Missouri-Rolla in the MIAA finals at Warrensburg clinched the league championship for Southern. The Lady Miners' lone tally was one of only two runs scored against the Lady Lions in four games of conference tournament action.

In the finale, Diane Miller was 3-3 at the plate, including a home run. Cheryl Kopf and Deanna Combs combined for a six-hitter.

"Our defense was solid, and we didn't rely on one or two people offensively," said Lipira. "Diane Miller hit two over the fence, and Leslie Myers, who didn't hit for a good average during the season, had a hit in every game. I couldn't be happier."

Miller, voted the MIAA's most valuable player, was one of five Lady Lions named to the all-conference team. The sopho-

more catcher from Greeley, Kan., leads the team in batting average, hits, and total bases, and is among team leaders in RBIs and runs scored.

Senior designated hitter Jennifer Burken and sophomores Carrie Carter (outfield), Combs, and Robin Herschback (second base) complete the list of first-team honorees. The accolades did not stop with the players as Lipira was named MIAA coach of the year.

"We felt like going in [to the season], softball and baseball would be able to make an easier transition into Division II than some of the other sports," said Lipira. "We have been scheduling NCAA-caliber teams for some time."

No stranger to post-season competition, Southern now has qualified in four of the last five seasons with its only absence coming in 1988. However, this will be the Lady Lions' first appearance in the Division II tournament.

"We're just really in the dark about the competition we'll see," said Lipira. "I have to believe we've seen top Division II teams all year long and we have a really good chance. We can go to the final four."

"At this point in the year it's not as much physical as it is mental. If we can stay in the winners' bracket that means somebody has to beat us twice."

Although much attention is focused on preparing her squad for the upcoming quarterfinals, Lipira also has her eye on next season.

"As of this year, we are forced to take a cut in scholarships. I hope to continue to have the kind of teams that can compete," she said. "Hopefully enough girls will want to come to Southern for the tradition. With three starting seniors leaving there are some slots to fill."

The starting seniors are Burken, Myers, and Karen Doak. Sue Farley also will graduate.

Our Opinion



Here, again, we present L-S Awards

As the end of the year nears, the sports staff of *The Chart* has been busy preparing the annual *LePage-Smith Awards*.

These awards were established by our illustrious predecessors to honor the outstanding athletes of Missouri Southern. The awards bear the name of Shaun LePage, 1985-86 sports editor, and Rob Smith, a staff member from 1986-89.

The first category is *Surprise Team of the Year*, which ends in a tie. The men's basketball team and the football Lions certainly were surprises.

The men's basketball team finished 12-15, qualifying for the playoffs for the first time since 1987. Twelve victories is even more surprising considering the team won only nine games the two previous seasons.

The football team wound up 6-4, its best season since 1985. Jon Lantz made his debut as head coach and led the Lions, picked to finish last in a pre-season poll, to a third-place tie in the conference. Now that's impressive, and a surprise.

The *Team of the Year* award is bestowed upon the softball Lady Lions. Coach Pat Lipira's team, 33-7, won the MIAA title and will compete in the NCAA Division II tournament.

We also like to point out individual athletes' achievements. The *Newcomer of the Year* resulted in a four-way tie. None of us could pinpoint one athlete, so we split the award.

Freshman Greg Prosek took over the inside linebacker position after Rob Davies was injured and paced the football Lions in tackles. Another freshman, Keith Allen, found his niche on the men's basketball team. Allen tied the school record for three-point goals in a game and was a starter late in the season. Junior transfer Tom Busch hit over .400 for the season for the baseball Lions. Terri Haynes, a women's basketball transfer from Crowder College, led the Lady Lions in three-pointers and was one of the team's leading scorers.

Robert Corn, men's head basketball coach, is a clear-cut choice for *Coach of the Year*. As a first-year coach, he tripled the number of wins the Lions had in 1988-89.

The *Lion of the Year* award goes to senior quarterback Alan Brown, an obvious choice.

Melissa Woods receives the *Lady Lion of the Year* award. Woods went 13-4 for the women's tennis team. The team's record was 4-13.

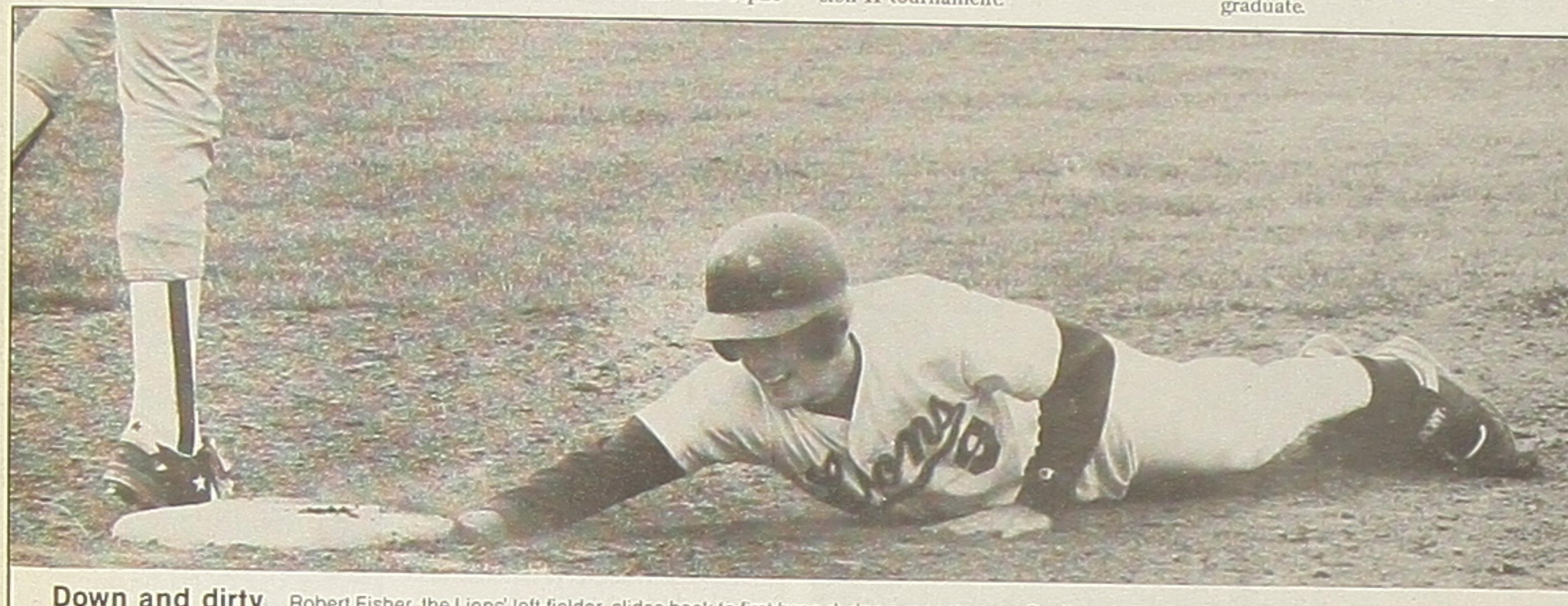
To further serve the purpose of the *LePage-Smith Awards*, we developed a new category this year. We call it the *Tough Break Award*. This award has several recipients. First up, Dennis Burns, a pitcher who was ineligible to play last season because of a credit-hour discrepancy. He suffered a rotator cuff injury this season which sidelined him again. Third baseman Mike Swidler broke his thumb while waiting in the on-deck area to bat. One of his teammates took a cut with the bat, accidentally hitting Swidler. The senior was out for the season.

The basketball Lady Lions get the *Tough Break Award*, also. This team is almost the epitome of the award. Two starting players, Diane Hoch and Cheryl Miller, both suffered injuries in the pre-season and were unable to play.

On a happier note, we are pleased to bestow the *Award of Excellence* on Jon Lantz, head football coach. Lantz suffered a tremendous tragedy, the loss of a player and serious injuries to three others, but he held on to lead the Lions to a winning season. This man exemplifies true courage.

Well, there you have it. The 1989-90 edition of the *LePage-Smith Awards*. Two of us will be moving on, but one of us is left to carry on. He'll see you next year.

□ Mark Etter, Anastasia Umland, and Rod Shetler made the award selections.



Down and dirty Robert Fisher, the Lions' left-fielder, slides back to first base during a recent game. Southern is looking for a bid to the NCAA Div. II tournament.

Slugging first baseman looks toward pro career

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

Junior first baseman Danny Rogers' mind was made up during his freshman year in high school when he made his first trip to Busch Stadium in St. Louis to see the baseball Cardinals play.

"I walked in, sat down, and said to myself, 'Yeah, this is what I want to do,'" said Rogers.

This year he has been the mainstay of the Lions' offense. He is batting a team-high .386 and has a lofty .727 slugging percentage. He started all 38 games for the Lions at first base, leading them in hits (51), home runs (10), and RBIs (53).

"I put a lot of pressure on myself this year," he said. "Last year I was disappointed I didn't hit .300. Last summer I played in Binghamton, N.Y., and I worked on not striking out so much."

Signed out of Parkview High School in Springfield, Rogers was not considered to be a power hitter.

"After [American] Legion ball, I had several junior college offers and several NAIA schools," said the 6-foot-3, 210-pound slugger. "My legion coach, Jeff Villiquette, used to be a coach here, so he pulled some strings. What they needed was a left-handed pitcher, and I pitched some in Legion ball so they gave me a scholarship."

The pitching stint did not last long for Rogers, though.

"I didn't do very well in the fall throwing, but I hit well in the intra-squad games," he said. "We didn't have a first baseman, so Coach [Warren] Turner moved me over there."

Things have not always come easy

for Rogers in his collegiate career.

"My freshman year I wasn't used to college pitching, and I really got a rude awakening. I batted under .200 all year even though I started every game until the end of the season. Coach Turner got me into this summer league in New York and I did well. I made the all-star team there and I led the league in home runs. It's just taken time."

After putting such impressive statistics in the books the last three years, Rogers is seriously looking at a career in professional baseball.

"It's between the Orioles and the Braves right now," he said. "I talked to an Orioles scout at the Oral Roberts game. He said they would for sure draft me and I would be the only first baseman and I would play all summer for them in Class A ball. But even though I have talked to them I could still be drafted by anybody."

Rogers is prepared to start all over again if signed by a major league team.

"I won't be expected to hit .300, and I probably won't. It will be frustrating because I won't be used to not hitting well. I'll have to learn how to hit sharper curveballs and faster fastballs."

Whether Rogers comes back next year for his final season at Southern is yet undecided.

"It really depends now on whether or not I get a secure offer or not. But I'm pretty sure I won't be here. I'm 21 years old and if I want a shot at playing in the major leagues, I'm going to have to get after it now. You never know what may happen next year. I might break an ankle or something. I would really regret not ever getting a chance to play pro ball."

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Baseball Lions hope for tournament berth

Southern finishes second in MIAA meet

The baseball Lions competed in the MIAA tournament in Maryville last weekend, but the outcome was less than what they were hoping for.

Southern, 25-13, dropped the opener in the double-elimination tournament to 18th-ranked Central Missouri State University, 16-6.

"We really didn't play badly," said Randy Zientara, student assistant. "They just out-hit us. They have some big guys."

The next game in the tourney pitted Southern against the host team, Northwest Missouri State University. When the dust cleared from the slugfest, Southern came out on top, 23-22.

"The wind was blowing out and we just made good contact," said Zientara. "We were behind 10-1 in the second inning and we just battled back."

After having been rained out in all its previous attempts during the regular season, Southern finally got to play the University of Missouri-St. Louis next. The outcome was in Southern's favor, 8-1.

With CMSU earning the automatic bid to the NCAA Division II regional playoffs for the third consecutive year, Southern has to hope the NCAA selection committee gives it an at-large bid into the playoffs.

"We have to be under consideration," said Zientara. "We have beaten the No. 5 and No. 20-ranked schools. If we had played CMSU closer we would have had a really good chance."

Rutledge to take discus thrower to conference meet in Jeff City

BY NICK COBLE
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

After being "thrown into the fire" with established competitors, Missouri Southern's fledgling track team will complete its first season with a conference meet tomorrow in Jefferson City.

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hurdles.

"I was very pleased with Steve's performance because he hasn't run a 15.6 in the hurdles," said Rutledge. "Steve not only adapted to an extra three inches height from high school, but also sat out a year since Southern had no program last year."

According to Rutledge, spring football practice has caused difficulties for the large number of football players on the track team. Cory Cazzelle, Jay Pride, Shawn James, Scott Wynn, and Trace Maxwell all competed this season in addition to taking part in spring football practice.

"Coach [Jon] Lantz is very reasonable, and he's willing to work with us," said Rutledge.

Southern also hosted the Crossroads High School Invitational last weekend. Sixteen schools with a total of 475 athletes participated. Rutledge hopes to make it an annual event in addition to hosting two college invitational next spring.

Despite the difficulties incurred with starting a new program, Rutledge considers the first season a success.

"You have to start somewhere," he said. "You can't expect your kids to go out and walk on water."

"Everybody wants to win, but my hardest job has been convincing them that we are going to win."

Golf team finishes third in MIAA

Saving its best for last, the golf team finished off the season earlier this week by participating in the MIAA Championships.

The Lions posted rounds of 493-490 (983) in the 54-hole event, good for a third-place finish in the eight-team event.

"Considering our inexperience, we did quite well to finish third," said Bill Cox, head coach, whose team's previous best was a fifth-place finish in the Missouri Western Invitational. "Some of our players thought they should have scored better, but that is a tribute to the golf course and how it demands accuracy and patience."

Kyle Catron finished his career at Southern by missing the all-conference team by one stroke. The senior from Carthage

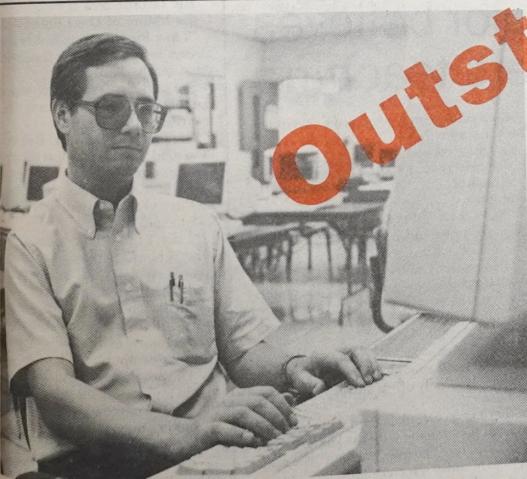
Southern's Most



Diana Parker



Marilyn Kannady



Jeff Slama



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Outstanding

College schedules graduation speaker

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Charles McClain, Missouri's commissioner for higher education, is scheduled to speak to graduates at Missouri Southern's commencement May 19 at Fred Hughes Stadium.

Southern is one of three commencement stops for McClain, who is also scheduled to give graduation speeches at Jefferson College at Hillsborough and Farmington High School. He has turned down commencement speaking invitations at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Harris-Stowe College.

According to McClain, College President Julio Leon contacted him about speaking at commencement shortly after he took office as commissioner nearly six months ago.

"We always want to have someone related to the College or a leader that could present a message for the graduates," said Leon. "It seems obvious that we look for people who would add prestige to the ceremony."

"The obvious choice was Dr. McClain."

McClain said he tries to limit his commencement speeches to three or four a year. "It's not as easy to write speeches as some believe," McClain said, "if you take it seriously. Not that I'll save any souls but it's an important occasion."

Before becoming commissioner, McClain was president of Northeast Missouri State University at Kirksville, where he is noted for his work with its assessment of outcomes program that has gained national recognition.

McClain said he would not use his speech to discuss higher education's monetary woes.

"My general approach would be to try to build a case for higher education," he said. "I wouldn't capitalize on the fact that there is a captive audience and talk about a tax increase. Why should I irritate half the audience when they didn't have a choice who their speaker would be? It should be a happy occasion."

McClain said he is still fine-tuning his speech, though he did say the address will deal with life themes.

"There will be certain life themes that are important," said McClain, "while keeping in a 1990 context. The speech will probably deal with occurrences after higher education and my reflections on those situations. I try to come up with a new speech every time. I've been working on it."

"It's kind of like making sausage. It's kind of messy, but you hope the finished product is better than what goes into it."

The College is not paying McClain to speak here, although it may pick up some of McClain's traveling and lodging expenses.

"It is an honor and part of my job," he said. "If they (the College) were to send a check or honorarium, I would return it. It wouldn't be proper."

Top 25 Seniors

May 1990 Graduates

According to GPA

Name*

Major

Diane Parker	Elementary Education
Sara Woods	Communications
Anna Miller	Biology
Marilyn Kannady	Biology
Diantha Duff	History

Lisa Culp	Accounting
Theresa Page	Psychology
Joy Mayfield	Nursing
Angela Besendorfer	Elementary Education
Sunita Patel	Economics and Finance
Jeff Slama	Computer Science
Helen Fanning	Nursing
Bill Elliott	Physics
Shawn Snyder	Business Education
Jeff Svilarich	Marketing and Management
Sam Ellis	Accounting
Shawn Hull	History, Political Science
Ken Reasoner	Accounting
Jamie Mitchell	Elementary Education
Hsiao-Hui Lin	Chemistry
Rita Pease	Elementary Education
Paul Archer	Accounting
Kimberly Grinnell	History
Vicki Elam	Elementary Education
Sherry Kirby	Communications

* Boxed names indicate the student maintained a 4.0 grade-point average through the Fall 1989 semester.

Education major believes learning begets teaching

BY SHARON WEBER
CHART REPORTER

Becoming a teacher has been a goal of Angela Besendorfer's since she was 14. Now, as a student teacher, Besendorfer has two kindergarten classes every day at Bryan School in Nevada, Mo.

"I work best with the kindergarten level or below," she said. "That's my best level."

Besendorfer will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a grade-point average of 3.942.

She is planning to obtain a teaching position, preferably in this area.

"All they (prospective employers) need to do is walk in a classroom and watch me do my thing," Besendorfer said. "They can see that I can capture the children and teach

them a concept that some people wouldn't be able to teach."

Teaching comes from learning, and Besendorfer credits Dr. Rosanne Joyner, assistant professor of education, for teaching her by example.

"She's an excellent teacher and really cares about the students," she said. "She's the one who I learned a lot from."

Besendorfer's adviser is Dr. Betty Cagle, assistant professor of education. She credits her for nudges in the right direction.

"She's as demanding of others as she is of herself," Besendorfer said.

Besendorfer, selected as one of the top three elementary education graduates by the faculty, gladly offers advice to prospective teachers.

"If you can't think fast on your feet and be flexible especially with the kindergarten level, then don't go into teaching," she said. "Three minutes is a eternity to kindergartners, and you have to really think fast."

Besendorfer gives the most credit to her husband, Ron, who also is doing his student teaching in the Nevada school system. He will graduate in July from Southern.



Angela Besendorfer

Duff plans to delay M.A. work

BY NELSON CABEZAS
CHART REPORTER

"I want to be at the top; I won't if I can't do it well," says Diantha Duff.

This 4.0 student who is going to graduate with a B.A. in history has decided to take a year off before entering graduate school.

"I may go into environmental science; I worry about the status of the environment," says Duff, who hasn't decided whether to continue as a history major or go into public administration. The latter would enable her to enter the environmental field with a non-profit organization.

"It's scary to think about the ozone level, to think about what could happen to the planet," she said. "We shouldn't wait for there to be complete damage of the environment before we start to take care of the planet."

She grew up not far from Missouri Southern, about 30 miles away in Barker Springs, Kan., where her family still lives. She has moved to Joplin where she also works part-time.

Her favorite area of concentration is the history of Great Britain.

"I love Professor Paul Teverol. He's always in control of the class; he's a great teacher," said Duff.

She said Dr. Gail Renner, head of the social sciences department, is her favorite instructor.

"He's retiring this year," Duff said. "I'm glad that it's now that he's retiring, because I don't know what I would have done without his guidance all these years. He's never too busy to talk to me."

"I don't fall behind in my studies. When I have a test coming up I usually go over my notes real good, then I'm ready for the test," she said.

Duff, who studies 15-20 hours a week, still finds time to participate as the secretary of the Social Sciences Club on campus.

"The people who are in the club are also in my classes," she said. "They are the ones I'll miss the most, my friends."

Another thing she'll miss is the touring of Southern by high school seniors.

"I enjoy giving them tours of the school while telling them about the great education they will receive if they come here," she said.

"I'll miss this school. The best four years of my life have been the last four that I have spent here."



Diantha Duff

Alaska native to pursue master's at Pittsburg State

Grinnell studies 20 hours a week to maintain GPA

BY PHYLLIS TALLEY
CHART REPORTER

Do all mommies go to school? Kimberly Grinnell's daughters think so.

Because Grinnell has been in college since her daughters, Sarah, 5, and Rachel, 6, were toddlers, they think everyone's mother attends school.

For Grinnell, history major with a grade-point average of 3.845, school is far from being over. She plans to work on a master's degree at Pittsburg State University next fall.

"After that, if I can get a job teaching history, I will work on my Ph.D. part-time," said Grinnell. "History is such a wonderful thing."

Grinnell, a single parent, is a native of Alaska. She also has a son, Terry, 8, who lives there with his father. Her parents reside there, too.

"When things get really tight, I can call



Kimberly Grinnell

on my dad for financial support," she said. "I get the emotional support from mom."

Grinnell works in the processing department of the library on the work-study program, and she attends college on the Empire District Scholarship, Pell Grants, and student loans.

In addition to being named in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* twice, Grinnell belongs to Phi Eta Sigma, Pi Gamma Mu, Phi Alpha Theta, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Chi, Amnesty International, and Young Democrats. She is president of Social Science Club and participated in the Midwest Model United Nations for three years.

Grinnell said one of her favorite instructors is Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history.

"I like his teaching style," she said. "He's always bringing things, such as art and literature from other fields, into the study of history and it makes it more interesting. He's very challenging."

In order to maintain her high GPA, Grinnell studies at least 20 hours per week.

"I didn't study as hard when I first started college," she said. "Now I'm good at it. I've developed good study habits."

Lin plans medical career

BY TED CONN
CHART REPORTER

Though studying is an important aspect of Hsiao-Hui Lin's life, she says she does enjoy other activities.

Lin, a senior, is a chemistry major minoring in biology and pre-medicine.

"Going to college is not just going to class, then going home and studying," she said. "You have to be involved in different activities."

Lin is a member of the Student Senate and the honors program. She tutors chemistry at the Learning Center and has been a campus tour guide and a College Orientation leader.

"I think Missouri Southern has provided me with a good education," she said. "All of the professors are nice to me."

Lin said her favorite instructors are Dr. Larry Martin, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of Spanish.

"There are some picky ones (instructors)," she said, "but it just adds to the

challenge of the course."

Lin, who has a 3.872 grade-point average, plans to continue her education at the University of Maryland and become a doctor.

"I'd like to work in a hospital at first, then later on get into private practice," she said. "I want to get more experience first."

Lin was born in Taiwan, but moved to Jackson, Miss., when she was 15. She finished her high school education in Jackson before coming to Southern.

Adjusting to American culture was not easy for Lin.

"If you live and speak in that environment, you learn with time."

Outside of the college environment, Lin dabbles in watercolors and music.

"I learned how to do watercolors when I went to Oxford [England]," she said. "It really impressed me how it turned out."

She also plays the guitar and the piano.

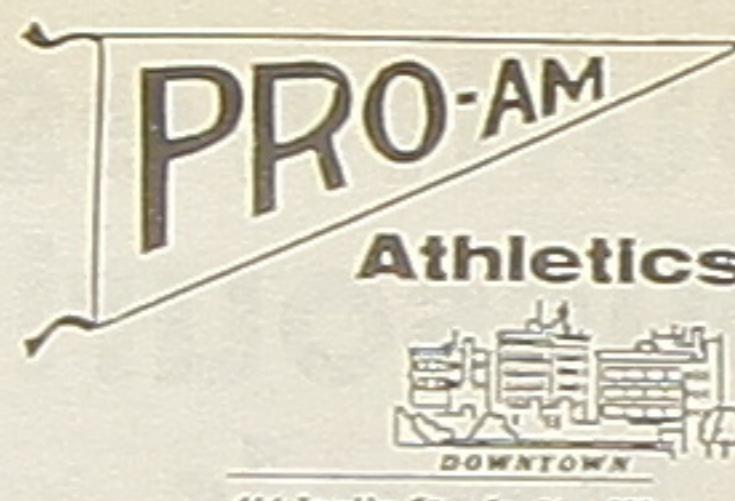
"After I got older, I really enjoyed music," she said. "I pick it out myself because I can read the music."

In spite of everything she does, Lin still has fun.

"When people look at an oriental person, they say 'she studies all of the time,'" said Lin. "On weekends I like to get together with my friends and go out and do things."



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Woods to leave College with good experiences

Senate president to study public affairs at Austin

BY SHARON WEBER
CHART REPORTER

Time management has allowed Sara Woods to successfully combine academic and extracurricular activities. "You have to consider how much you have to get done and how much time you have to do it," said Woods. "Then, work with that."

Woods, a communications major, maintains a 4.0 grade-point average. She has been involved in the honors program and the Oxford summer study program.

After graduation, she will attend the University of Texas.

"I'll be studying at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. I'll be working on a master's degree in public affairs."

Woods' other activities have included Student Senate secretary and president, CAB, Board of Regents student representative,



Sara Woods

Ecumenical Campus Ministers, and Omicron Kappa Delta.

Woods has nothing but good feelings for the College.

"Southern has been so good to me," said Woods. "The College has given me scholarships and experiences that I'll never forget."

Woods credits her brother, Darren, as the most influential person in her college career.

"He's supportive of any accomplishments I made," she said. "I owe him a lot. We give and take."

The brother and sister duo were the first family members to be involved in the honors program at the same time.

"There was concern how it would work out," Woods said. "But we didn't have any problems. It worked out great."

Woods believes a well-rounded college career is beneficial to students both in college and afterwards.

"You can combine classes and activities to work to your advantage. There's so much to do. You grow from these experiences."

One of these experiences came to Woods during spring break. Along with other students from Southern, Woods went to Memphis to work on a Habitat for Humanity project.

Accounting program brings Culp from MU to Southern

BY TIM STOWE
CHART REPORTER

With a grade-point average of 3.987, Lisa Culp has been recognized as one of the three top accounting graduates.

"I always try to do my best, and the grades take care of themselves," she said.

Before coming to Missouri Southern, Culp spent one and a half years at the University of Missouri-Columbia, majoring in piano performance.

After changing her major to accounting, Culp moved back to Joplin where she originally was from. "I chose Southern because I knew they had a good accounting program."

Culp says she has enjoyed all the instructors she has had at Southern, but she is especially grateful to her adviser, William Paapanen, associate professor of business, who has been a great help to her. "Mr. Paapanen has really helped me in picking my classes."

At Southern Culp has participated in the honors program. "The challenges offered by the honors program have definitely helped motivate me to study harder,"



Lisa Culp

she said. "I really appreciate the opportunities it has given me."

Culp also is active in several other college activities. She taught a eight-week orientation class for incoming freshmen in 1989.

Culp was one of the few students chosen from Southern to go to Oxford University last summer on a study program. She studied George Frederick Handel's works and even heard several performed in the same concert hall they were originally performed in.

"It was really a great experience."

After graduation Culp would like to do even more traveling.

"One thing my trip to Oxford did," she said, "was turn me on to traveling."

Not only does Culp take a full load of classes and do enough studying to maintain one of the highest GPAs at Southern, she also works part-time for Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, a local accounting firm.

Culp works between 20 and 30 hours per week, Monday through Saturday. "One thing my work has done is made me appreciate the things I have learned in class."

Culp says she has no long-term plans after graduation. She wants to get her CPA and go from there.

"I just want to be the best I can in whatever I am doing."

The one thing Culp says she would like to tell new students is to "make the most of your time whether it's study or play time."



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Student leader

Sara Woods (left), Student Senate president, combined activities and a high GPA during her college career.

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Activities and honors highlight Miller's year

'USA Today' places senior among the best

BY SUZANNE LEJEUNE
CHART REPORTER

Compiling a long list of awards and activities has been easy for Anna Miller.

Miller's greatest recognition came in December when a *USA Today* reporter called to notify her that she was one of 20 first-team academic students.

USA Today flew all of the winners to Washington, D.C. in January for a luncheon and awards ceremony as well as sight seeing. To Miller the \$2,500 prize was not as exciting as the tour of the Soviet Embassy. The students had a press conference with the Soviet ambassador, also.

"There were cameras everywhere," Miller said. "Just like in the movies. It was great. I couldn't believe it."

Miller was one of 20 winners selected from a field of 749 entries.

Other activities Miller has been involved



Anna Miller

in include: Phi Eta Sigma; Omicron Delta Kappa, of which she is president; Student Senate, of which she is treasurer; Biology Club; Math Club; and Ecumenical Campus Ministries. She teaches Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church in Webb City where she also is an elder.

A 4.0 grade-point average and hard work have earned Miller, a biology major, a place in the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services, a medical school in Bethesda, Md. She plans to go into general practice. Because she says doctors specialize too much, she wants to stay with a general degree.

Classes obviously have not been a problem for Miller.

"A lot of classes seemed hard at the time, but then in retrospect none of them seem hard. I haven't had a class that didn't challenge me."

She says the entire biology department has been a source of support. Dr. James Jackson, Dr. Vonnie Prentice, Dr. John Messick, and Dr. Sam Gibson have been extremely helpful.

Miller says at Southern students have more of an opportunity to excel.

"One can be closer to the faculty, allowing them to guide and direct you."

Elliott gets case of senioritis

BY TODD BRATCHER
CHART REPORTER

After nearly four years of college, Bill Elliott, physics major, is ready to move on.

"I guess I've got senioritis," he said. "This semester it's hard to care about my grades."

Elliott cares enough to have a 3.959 grade-point average, although he is surprised at his success.

"I didn't have good grades in high school. If I didn't like an assignment, I didn't do it."

he said, "unless you have attended a larger, less personal school."

Elliott believes the small student/teacher ratio "makes it a lot easier to be a student."

His advice for keeping good grades is to take college seriously.

"So many people go to college like they went to high school," he said. "You've got to take it seriously. And keep up with your work, especially in physics and math. In those classes people drop like flies when they get behind."

Spending several weeks in England en-

"It [Oxford] gives you a whole different perspective of the world. You realize how isolated you are in Joplin, Mo., and the way things are in Joplin is not the way they are in the rest of the world."

—Bill Elliott, senior

"Then I lucked into straight A's my second semester at Southern, and I liked the feeling it gave me. The more A's you get, the more it hurts to get a B. Unfortunately," said Elliott, "I've had a couple of B's since then."

He attended Southern for two years as a pre-engineering major before transferring to the University of Missouri-Rolla. Elliott went there for a semester, then returned to Southern.

"It's difficult for people to understand that the teachers here do an excellent job,"

rolled in the Oxford program last summer is one of his most memorable experiences.

"It gives you a whole different perspective of the world," he said. "You realize how isolated you are in Joplin, Mo., and the way things are in Joplin is not the way they are in the rest of the world."

Elliott is going on to the University of Texas to study mechanical engineering.

"Primarily, I just want to get through at least a master's degree. I haven't ruled out a doctorate, but..."

Patel eyes finance job

Southern develops confidence in senior

BY JENNY KEMBLE
STAFF WRITER

There is something to be said for taking one day at a time.

Just ask Sunita Patel, one of this year's top 25 seniors.

"I just took it class by class," she said.

"I concentrated on getting my papers turned in and tests done and didn't worry about the end result."

Patel will graduate with an economics and finance degree, and after one more summer class,

an associate's degree in accounting.

She has a grade-point average of 3.95, having only received two B's throughout her college career.

"One of the hardest classes I had was Investments, with Dr. Richard LaNear," said Patel. "But it was also one of the classes I learned the most from."

She believes students should look at



Sunita Patel

what they're going to get out of class; what they're going to learn.

"That should be the most important thing," she said, "and not whether a class is going to be easy or hard."

Patel also finds time to be active in various organizations. She is a member of Alpha Chi; Phi Beta Lambda, a business fraternity; Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics fraternity; and the Financial Management Association. She also was named the top economics and finance student by the faculty.

"I feel as if I spend my entire life in the business building," said Patel.

However, she still finds time to help her father in their family owned motel business.

"My hours there vary from day to day, depending on how busy we are," she said. "And, I try to work on my homework in between customers and calls."

Patel has really enjoyed her college career.

"I feel a lot more confident and secure in myself than I did four years ago," she said. "I feel as if I can handle anything."

After graduation, Patel intends to find a job in the financial world, possibly as an analyst working with statistics and research.

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Senior works hard, smart for success

Svilarich to start work soon after graduation

BY JENNY KEMBLE
STAFF WRITER

Work smarter, not harder" is the motto of Jeff Svilarich.

Apparently, that motto has paid off for Svilarich, who is one of this year's top 25 seniors at Missouri Southern.

"I believe that knowing how to study has helped me," he said. "I know a lot of people who study more than I do."

He also believes that attitude has a positive effect on his grades.

"I go into a class expecting to get an A. If I don't, then I work harder at it."

Jeff Svilarich

A marketing and management major, Svilarich currently has a 3.91 grade-point average. He is a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honor society, and works part-time as a pre-loader for United Parcel Service.

Elam believes high grades are important to education

BY SUZANNE ALLEN
CHART REPORTER

Achieving high grades is first priority for Vicki Elam.

"When I set out to go to school I wanted to achieve the highest I could," she said. "That was my No. 1 priority."

Elam's cumulative grade-point average is 3.840, but she has a 3.978 in elementary education, her major.

"I don't feel, as a teacher, like grades are the most important thing," she said. "I feel that learning the material is."

She believes she has learned a lot while attending Southern.

"Not all I've learned was in my classes," said Elam. "A lot of courses encouraged me to learn outside of class and to learn on my own, which I never did in high school."

Her strategy of learning included an average of a 16- or 17-hour class load and to study lying down.

"I like to be comfortable because that way I can think about what I'm doing."

Elam said she would read the material before class, then try to learn what had been discussed after class.

"But I would always do a lot of heavy studying the night before [a test]," she said.



Vicki Elam



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Hard worker

Jeff Svilarich, a senior marketing and management major, will start work after graduation in Overland Park, Kan.

Commencement to have triple meaning for Pease

BY CHRISSY WRIGHT
CHART REPORTER

Life began at 40 for Rita Pease. Just when most people are settled into a career, she was just starting.

Pease jumped into college with both feet, attending Missouri Southern for two summers and full time in fall and spring, always carrying 16 hours and sometimes up to 18.

"College is a full-time job," she said.

Pease had a lot of support from her family. "My husband, Charlie, has learned to use the microwave.

After being married 25 years, this was a sacrifice for him," she said.

Pease said her daughter, Jennifer, has been a big help around the house.

"Without the support of my family, a college education would have been impossible."

Pease, an elementary education major, is currently student teaching at the third-grade level in Lamar.

"I believe there will always be a need for good, qualified teachers," she said.



Rita Pease

"The classes that are offered at Southern will prepare any student for any career they choose," said Pease. "As for myself, I believe that I am very prepared for my career."

To obtain and maintain a grade-point average of 3.883 takes a lot of dedication, organization, and memorization.

"I would study four hours a day, and my favorite place to study was in our camper," said Pease.

Driving 64 miles to Southern each day also allowed her time to study when her son, John, was the chauffeur.

Another secret to her high GPA is spreading out her study time and always over-learning her material.

Commencement has a triple meaning for Pease, as she will be graduating with her two sons, Joseph and John.

"I am very excited and looking forward to the big day," she said.

After graduation Pease will go on a Caribbean cruise with her husband and parents.

"This is the greatest gift my parents could give me," she said.

Pease and her husband will move to Florida after graduation. She plans to pursue a career there.

"Leaving Southern is going to be a hard thing to do," said Pease. "This college is like a big family, and I would like to thank the education department for being such a great, supportive family."

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Non-traditional status doesn't worry Fanning

Senior says despite 3.9 GPA, classes aren't easy

BY TED CONN
CHART REPORTER

For senior Helen Fanning, being a non-traditional student at Missouri Southern hasn't been a problem.

"Southern really treats non-traditional students excellently," she said. "I didn't feel discriminated against by students or teachers."

Fanning, a nursing major minoring in psychology, has a grade-point average of 3.979.

"I didn't put my GPA as a priority," she said. "I like to know about the subject I'm taking. To do that you must work at the class."

"To be honest, I 'cram' at the last minute," she added. "I do attend all of my classes, and I listen in class. The majority of my learning is from my classes."

Fanning is a member of Psi Chi, a psychology club, and was recently inducted into Alpha Chi, the honors society for seniors.



Helen Fanning

Despite her high GPA, she did not find all of her classes easy.

"Pathophysiology was the hardest class I took," she said. "It took a lot of time studying, reading, and memorizing. It was a real killer."

"Philosophy was tough, too," she added. "I always thought I was logical, but philosophy reminded me that I'm not as smart as I thought I was."

Fanning's favorite instructors are Dr. Barbara Box, assistant professor of nursing; Anita Singleton, assistant professor of nursing; and Grace Ayton, nursing instructor.

"They sacrifice a lot and work hard on getting the nursing program in order and going," she said.

Apart from her College activities, Fanning works full-time at Heartland Hospital in Nevada, Mo., a psychiatric treatment center for adolescents. After graduation she will continue to work there, but will pursue research on her own time.

Fanning has a few things to say about the College.

"I think Southern is great," she said. "Parking is atrocious, though. The older students notice parking problems more than younger students."

Sacrifices of sleep, family help keep Slama successful

BY CHRISTY FITZMAURICE
CHART REPORTER

For Jeff Slama, graduating at the top took sacrifice and hard work.

Slama will graduate with a 3.944 cumulative grade-point average, including a 4.0 from Missouri Southern.

"I sacrificed my family and work a little and a very large amount of sleep," he said.

After receiving his associate's degree from the North Dakota State School of Science, Slama went on to the Illinois Institute of Technology and College of DuPage before settling in at Southern. Slama will receive a bachelor of science degree in computer science.

Computer science, however, was his second choice.

"I would have liked to have gone to an electrical engineering school," he said.



Jeff Slama

Since Southern was close to family and work, Slama decided to work toward a B.S. in computer science here.

Currently a quality control and test systems engineer at Display Technologies in Carthage, Slama has found that he can apply about 50 percent of his college learning to his daily routine.

Grades are important to Slama as achievements now, and for the future especially if he decides to go on to graduate school.

"I would like to take off two years for graduate school," he said. "But it depends on the circumstances."

Slama, 35, has to consider his family when making decisions about his education.

Making high grades was a decision he made early in his college career.

"Everyone must decide his level of commitment and stick with it. No one will push you except yourself."

"That is true later in life as well; you have to set your own goals."

Slama believes Southern graduates are equal to those from any other college—if they want to be.

"Motivation to succeed must come from inside yourself," he said.

Honors student plans for college teaching

BY SUZANNE LEJEUNE
CHART REPORTER

For honors student Shawn Hull, teaching is everything. Hull, a three-year soccer player and history/political science major at Missouri Southern, uses these two loves to do what he likes most—teach.

For several years Hull has coached a youth soccer team, and after graduation plans to pursue his other love by obtaining a master's of arts in modern European history from the University of Missouri.



Shawn Hull

Hull enjoys coaching. He says "a lot of them (the boys) remind me of me when I was that age."

Hull has earned a 3.901 grade-point average at Southern. He was a member of the soccer team his first three years here.

Hull names Virginia Laas, instructor

of social sciences, and Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history, as instructors who have helped him the most.

"Laas loves history," he said. "As a student you see that in an instructor. It really motivates you to do the best."

"She sticks around and talks after class; her door is almost always open," Hull said. "You can always go in and talk to her."

Hull, who plans to teach at the college level, has looked at different instructors to gain an idea of how he wants to teach.

"If I had to choose any instructor whose style I would try to imitate, I would choose Dr. Teverow."

Teverow teaches the class that Hull believes has been his most demanding, a seminar in history, Absolutism.

It bothers Hull that some people look down upon students who earn high grades.

"Just because someone takes their studies seriously and makes that their No. 1 priority doesn't mean that they're a nerd."

Hull is looking forward to obtaining his master's degree so that he can begin teaching his favorite subject—history.

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Senior attends class, takes care of family

BY SUZANNE ALLEN
CHART REPORTER

Being a perfectionist is how Joy Mayfield describes herself. "I like to excell in anything I do," she said. "I expect it from myself."

Mayfield's cumulative grade-point average is 3.964 with a 4.0 in nursing, her major.

"I'm a perfectionist," she said. "It comes from internally, for my own self satisfaction. I also paid to go [to college], and I'm going to get the best for my money."

While attending classes part-time she worked full-time and took care of her family.

"I've been an RN (registered nurse) for six years, so I've been on the working force," she said. "I was a part-time student starting in 1986, except the last semester I took 12 hours."



Joy Mayfield

Mayfield is a member of the American Nurses Association and the Missouri Nurses Association. She recently was initiated into Alpha Chi.

"I haven't gone to college to become a member of Alpha Chi. I've done my best and Alpha Chi as a result," she said. "I didn't go to college just to maintain my GPA, but then as I was getting my grades it was a challenge to maintain those grades."

Mayfield said she came to Missouri Southern to "expand and take a step further in nursing." She enjoyed having classes with other RNs and sharing and learning from their experiences.

She plans to enter the field of nursing research or pathophysiology after graduation.

Mayfield said she enjoys being involved in her church's women's organization, reading, cooking, music, and spending time with her family and friends. She said she had to make "personal sacrifices" while working and attending Southern.

"Some things had to be put on hold while I was in school," she said.

Kannady's instructor inspires her to success

Biology student likes competition as driving force

BY SHARON WEBER
CHART REPORTER

Competition has been a driving force in Marilyn Kannady's life.

The competition "within" has led to a 4.0 grade-point average for Kannady, a biology major.

"It's more a competition within yourself and what your potential is," she said. "Trying to get the best out of yourself."

Striving for the best in herself is nothing new to Kannady. A native of Sheldon, Mo., Kannady maintained high grades in high school.

"My counselor always impressed on me the importance of grades and a broad experience base. I got some really good scholarships from the grades and experience from involvement in different activities."

Her involvement continued in college, and competition again played a role. This



Marilyn Kannady

time, the competition was from others.

"I played basketball for three years at Southern," Kannady said. "I spent most of my time in the training room with injuries."

That time was well spent. It developed an interest in sports training that she will pursue after graduation.

Kannady has been accepted into the physical therapy school at the University of Missouri.

"I'll have an undergraduate minor in athletic training and a bachelor's in biology," she said. "I'll probably do some master's work in exercise physiology so I can direct myself toward sports."

She credits Kevin Lampe, head athletic trainer, and Dr. Vonnie Prentice, professor of biology, for pointing her in the direction she has taken.

"It's obvious they know their subjects front and back," Kannady said. "They have a way of making you understand things. They introduce you to the basic principles and make it all really fit together."

Dr. John Messick, biology department head, inspired her passion for biology.

"Biology is everything to him. He would do anything in the world to help you understand," she said.

Archer pulls double duty with classes, part-time job

BY PHYLLIS TALLEY
CHART REPORTER

He made a C-plus on his report card in the fourth grade.

Average for most students, but for Paul Archer, accounting major, it was the lowest grade he ever received on a report card.

Archer, whose grade-point average is 3.894, said his GPA dropped last semester because of a B in Cost Accounting.

"I spent hours upon hours learning, and I had to struggle to get the B. The tests were very difficult."



Paul Archer

Archer believes that neither the CPA nor the grades are as important as what a person has learned. "If you strive to learn something, the rest will follow," he said.

This semester has been "a tough one" for Archer. In addition to 15 hours of classes and at least another 30 hours per week spent doing homework, he works an average of 20 hours a week preparing tax returns for Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

"If I could do it over again, I would have taken more summer classes. I'm paying for it this semester by taking several difficult classes at one time."

One of the most difficult classes Archer has now is CPA Problems. "Dr. [James] Shaver (professor of business) has been adequately preparing us for the CPA exam. The process is to re-learn everything we have previously learned in all accounting courses."

Archer said Shaver is one of the best instructors he has ever had. "He pushes you and makes you learn the material by the way his class is set up."

Carolyn Cunningham (assistant professor of business) is also an excellent teacher," said Archer. "She makes class interesting with her down-home sayings and her informal, friendly way of conducting class."

After Archer takes the CPA exam in May, he hopes to get a job with a corporation or a public accounting firm.

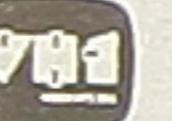
"There's a possibility I might go back at a later time and get my master's degree," he added.

Archer believes the accounting program here is a good one, but will improve dramatically in the next five to 10 years with higher-level courses being offered.

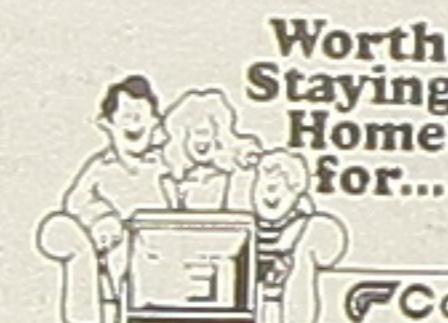
"I was just too early," he said. "I wish the improvements had come sooner."

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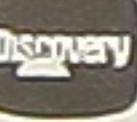
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Business ed major looks toward master's at PSU

BY SHERRY KIRBY
STAFF WRITER

With the television tuned to *Unsolved Mysteries*, Shawn Snyder leans back in her favorite recliner or stretches out on the sofa to begin another night's homework.

Snyder's study habits are unquestionable, considering she has earned a 3.924 GPA as a business education major.

"I try to keep up with the homework, and then before the test I always have to cram," she said.

According to Snyder, grades are not everything. "Grades are very important but not as important as what you learn and retain," she said.

Rigid instructors are a disappointment to Snyder. "You can't talk to them and are afraid to ask a question," she said.

Because she is easy to talk to, Dr. Beverly Culwell, associate professor of business, is one of Snyder's favorite instructors.

"She recognizes you as an individual, and she knows you. She is a professional teacher, but she has a sense of humor," said Snyder.

Bill Paapanen, associate professor of business, is another of her favorites.

"He is very smart and very professional; yet, when you least expect it, he'll crack a joke," said Snyder.

Following graduation, she plans to return to Missouri Southern in the summer and fall to complete the requirements for an accounting degree.

Snyder will then work on her master's degree at Pittsburg State University. She hopes to teach accounting on the college level.

Her motto—"Don't be afraid to be assertive"—is easy to believe but more difficult to follow.

"I'm that person who sits there quiet all the time," said Snyder. "If you want something, you can't rely on another person; you have to do it on your own."

Kirby's activities keep her from enjoying sleep time

A local artist once called her the intern, sportscasting, rock band-booking Tapjackette; she's Sherry Kirby, one of Missouri Southern's top seniors.

Kirby has interned with the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, produced and co-hosted MSTV's "Inside Sports," booked concerts for the Joplin-based rock band *Fuscia*, and worked for Tapjackette Company in Carthage while completing a communications degree.

"Sleep is a luxury I can rarely afford," she says.

Kirby hasn't earned a 3.832 GPA by sleep-walking; it is her determination that has kept her in the lead.



Sherry Kirby

"Most non-traditional students have overcome many obstacles along the road to Southern," she said.

Kirby says some of the younger students are pushed by their parents and become disenchanted with college because of the pressure.

"I am blessed with my parents' support," she said. "I don't have to be here; I want to be here."

Michael Rodgers, instructor of English; Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of Spanish; and Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology, have brought out the best in Kirby.

"The man is a genius," she says of Rodgers. "He is a dynamic individual with a style all his own. His lessons on life are as intriguing and valuable as his lessons on literature."

Of Peterson, she says, "He is a vibrant instructor who carries a contagious enthusiasm. Because we share a love for Spanish

"He [Dr. Vernon Peterson] is a vibrant instructor who carries a contagious enthusiasm. Because we share a love for Spanish and a love for music, we have formed an everlasting bond."

—Sherry Kirby, senior

"I spend more than two hours each day on the road," she said. "In exchange for living at home [in Lockwood], I must give up school activities and study time."

In addition to being a commuter student, Kirby is a non-traditional student.

"The greater the challenge, the more cherished the reward" is her motto.

and a love for music, we have formed an everlasting bond.

"There are instructors students fight for, and 'Dr. J.' is one of them," she says of Jackson. "He's not an instructor for a semester; he's a friend for life."

Following graduation, Kirby plans to find work in public relations.

Ellis believes activities important to education

Accounting major says good memory helps GPA

BY SHERRY KIRBY
STAFF WRITER

Memorizing material with ease has earned Sam Ellis a 3.90 grade-point average as an accounting major.

"I'm really lucky to have a good memory," he said. "For me, it doesn't take as much effort."

Ellis believes he put too much emphasis on grades as a freshman and sophomore. His decision to dedicate more time to family and College activities came with age.

"Sometimes you have to make a choice, and grades lose," said Ellis, who encourages students to "try to make it more than just going to class."

"Get involved," he said. "There are a lot of opportunities on campus."

Ellis admires Bill Paapanen and Larry Goode, associate professors of business.

"They make students express themselves in essay questions which, in accounting, is rare," he said. "They place emphasis on more than being able to work accounting

problems."

Ellis' favorite instructor is Dr. Larry Martin, professor of mathematics.

"He can make you see things in a different perspective and make you so involved in what he is talking about," said Ellis.

"It's not very many instructors who can get students to think after class and all night about something they've said," he said.

Ellis said Martin uses "teasers" in his teaching, and students are "driven with curiosity."

"Inspiring students to think for themselves is what makes him a good teacher."

"Missouri Southern encourages critical thinking," said Ellis, selected as one of the three top accounting graduates by the faculty. "I can think for myself a lot more than when I came here."

He believes a college education should be used to "make things better for society."

"Many students accept the world they are in without thinking about ways they can improve it," he said.

Following graduation, Ellis wants to work toward a Ph.D. in accounting.

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Parker manages family, student-teacher chores

Senior says 'Southern prepared me well'

JOHN POE
CHART REPORTER

Dedication and support are some of the key reasons for achieving good grades.

This according to Diana Parker, elementary education major, is essential for success and has led to her 4.0 GPA. "The teachers at Southern are so supportive and helpful in motivating students to do their best," she said. Parker also believes that not missing classes has helped her in obtaining the perfect GPA.

"I know of some freshman students who skip class a lot, and it really hurts their grades," she said. "I study faithfully to do my best, and I enjoy what I am studying. 'Southern has prepared me well,'" she added. "When it was time to take the National Teachers Exam, I thought it was very easy."

Juggling a family and her classes has been



Diana Parker

a chore for Parker.

"I have a son (Kevin) who is a freshman at Southern, and my daughter (Kim) just graduated last December," she said. "I know that I can count on my family for support, which is extremely helpful."

"I also took the approach that I would take the classes one semester at a time," she said.

Parker names three assistant professors of education who have served her as role models.

"Dr. Rosanne Joyner has shown me what dedication means, and Dr. Betty Cagle's professionalism has had a big influence on me," she said.

"I would also like to personally thank Mrs. Erin Ray for all of her moral support."

"I have a really good relationship with my teacher at Southern," Parker added. "And there's nothing they would not do for me. It's really nice."

After graduation she plans to pursue a career in teaching science at the grade-school level. She is currently student teaching at Cecil Floyd Elementary School in Joplin.

"I really enjoy working with children of that age," she said. "Kids are great; I am really looking forward to teaching them."

Mitchell uses her children as inspiration for teaching

DOUG DORRIS
CHART REPORTER

Late night marathons" is how Jamie Mitchell, an elementary education major, describes her study habits that she used to earn a 3.87 grade-point average. "I knew I had material I needed to study, and a desire to know the material led to a lot of late night studying," said Mitchell. "If it wasn't for the studying, support from my family and my parents I probably would have never made it. Many times I neglected the housework, cooking, and cleaning so that I could study."

The reason she chose elementary education as a major was because she had two children of her own—Leslie, 15; and Kile, 7. "The reason I didn't change my major was because I realized that this was a very



Jamie Mitchell

important and demanding area of work."

After graduation, Mitchell hopes to teach in the Webb City School District, where she is currently student teaching at Webster Elementary.

"Student teaching gives you a taste of what it's really like; you learn things about teaching that Southern can't teach you," she said. "It's unbelievable. You have things you need to get in, and you can't because it is split up between art and gym."

Mitchell, a 1978 McDonald County High School graduate, was president for one year and vice president for one year of MSTA, the local chapter of the Missouri State Teachers Association. She has been named one of the three top seniors in elementary education.

Mitchell does not look at graduation as leaving Southern since she will come back often for a departmental program which assists first-year teachers.

Her advice for freshmen elementary education majors is not to push too hard.

"Use lots of time to study and enjoy school," she said. "Now that I'm leaving, I'm going to miss it."

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Page cites influences on her college career

BY SHERRY KIRBY
STAFF WRITER

At 3 a.m., when other college students are sleeping soundly, Theresa Page rises to study while the house is quiet.

"I have four children; I have no study habits," she says.

Page's family ranks first on her list of priorities, yet she has earned a 3.97 GPA majoring in psychology.

"Getting good grades is nice but not all-consuming," she said.

The psychology department has been a positive

force behind Page's college career.

"All of the psychology instructors are caring and know how to teach, and that makes it easier to learn," she said.

Page names three of the many instructors she admires: Dr. David Tate, associate professor of sociology; Dr. Ver

non Peterson, associate professor of Spanish; and Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology.

"David Tate is an incredible instructor because of his intensity," she said.

"Spanish is his passion, and he conveys that to his students," she said of Peterson.

"Roger Paige is wonderful because he is demanding enough to get the best out of you," she said.

Page advises students to be organized at all times.

"Being the best prepared I can be and leaving the rest to God is probably the best method for me," she said.

Page said every college student is successful at something, yet many are left out when it comes to honors.

"It is a nice encouragement to receive honors, but it makes those who don't feel like a failure," said Page, who has been recognized as the top senior in the psychology department.

Page is interested in criminal psychology and said it is an area that greatly needs people; however, "because of family objections, I will probably not go into it," she said.



Theresa Page

Senior keeps discipline

BY JEFF BAUER
CHART REPORTER

A commitment to excellence is why Ken Reasoner is one of the top 25 graduating seniors.

Reasoner, an accounting major, has a 3.86 grade-point average. He chose accounting because of the wide range of opportunities.

"It seems if you can understand accounting, you can understand all the basis of the business world," he said. "It's everything that gives you more opportunities."

Reasoner believes grades are important for measuring one's performance in the future, but also gives equal importance to hands-on experience as well as textbook knowledge.

Discipline is the key to Reasoner's success.

"If you keep up on the assignments and show up for class and work hard at it, you have a better chance of doing well," he said. "It takes a lot of time."

Reasoner not only believes Southern has helped him academically, but has prepared him for real life.

"I like being in small classes where you



Ken Reasoner

feel you do learn more and the teachers have time to help," he said.

"I think every department is on top of their field. I think if you come to Southern you will get the current and basic information needed for real life situations."

Reasoner said Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, has influenced him the most.

"I feel I have learned a lot in his class. Since Dr. Shaver as well as other instructors have graduated from larger universities, I feel I can compete and do just as well at Southern as students going to larger colleges."

Reasoner said his GPA and the success he's had in academics has been his greatest accomplishment.

"I've worked hard at it. I feel it is important and that I have achieved something I never thought I could achieve," he said.

Reasoner thinks many of the opportunities graduates will receive will come from prior students who have succeeded.

"If those students are effective at their occupation, it shows that Southern does produce quality students."

Producing quality students can add to the success rate of the College, he said.

"The more successful the students are who come from Southern, the more successful the College will be," Reasoner said.

"Having the reputation of putting people in good jobs will make other students want to come to Southern to receive the same benefits."

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